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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1740, Sept 25-Oct 1+, 2014

Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 1230	WRMI	9955	[confirmed, with France via Taiwan QRM]
Thu 2330	WRMI	11580	[deleted]
Fri 0327v	WWRB	3185	[no show]
Fri 2130	WRMI	7570 & 15770	[confirmed 1739]
Sat 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 0100	WRMI	5950	[confirmed 1739]
Sun 0131	KVOH	9975	[confirmed]
Mon 0300v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB	Area 51
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955	[still with France via Taiwan QRM?]
Wed 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1315	WRMI	9955	
Wed 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 2100	WBCQ	7490v	
Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[or 1741 if ready in time]

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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:

Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.

<http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?>

[option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de](http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de)

or directly via:

<http://bit.ly/1xD5yyn>

Also via [but still not back in service]:

<http://tunein.com/radio/World-of-Radio-p198/>

AND ALTERNATIVE, tnx Stephen Cooper, because RMRC was down:

<http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>

or <http://wor.worldofradio.org>

DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER'S LOG REPORTS:

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/>

** ALASKA. 7355, Sept 19 at 1226 after music, KNLS capsule called 'English Express' with Marcy Black, explaining expression 'chill out' from the 1950s jazz scene. Poor signal, but better than 7345 Myanmar which I had been trying to audition. So how's WCBC's other project, the long-delayed Madagascar World Voice, coming along? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. 9845, R Tirana with English news and press review re violence at Futball games. Talx re Albanian PM visit to China and "Cultural Activities" programme, and sport roundup. IS and carrier off just before the power came back on. 44+4+43+ with a hum in modulation and somewhat muddy audio, but in well otherwise. 0132-0157*

16/Sept (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI DX-pedition, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** ALGERIA [and non]. Re: RTE longwave to close down --- RTE [IRELAND] have announced that the 252 transmitter will close down on 27 October. Notice of changes to transmission from 27 October 2014 - RT... Radio 1 Static - RT... Radio 1
<http://www.rte.ie/radio1/static/2014/0821/638554-stay-tuned/>
Notice of changes to transmission from 27 October

RT... Radio 1's Longwave 252 service (LW252) will close down on 27 October 2014. The vast majority (98%) of Radio 1 listeners are not affected and no change. View on www.rte.ie
<http://www.rte.ie/radio1/static/2014/0821/638554-stay-tuned/>
(via Mike Barraclough, Sept 23, BDXC-UK yg via B_schel, DXLD)

FYI, btw. von der Lieferung des Transradio Berlin tx / Ampegon mast vom LW Sender 252 kHz nach Tipaza ALG h^rt man nichts mehr, der Neuaufbau oder Modernisierung der Feeder und Mastanlage ben^tigt mehr Zeit ?
http://www.radioeins.de/programm/sendungen/medienmagazin/radio_news/beitraege/2013/tipaza.html

Wer hat einen "Draht" zu Bernd Waniewski? der ja schon in Pension ist.
http://www.waniewski.de/Besuchte_Stationen/Bechar_LW/index.htm
73 wb (Wolfgang B_schel, ibid.) Viz.:

ALGERIA also LW 252 kHz; but nothing heard yet of finish final the refurbishing work, replacement of 750 kW unit by 500 kW Transradio LW unit at Tipaza, Algeria - soon in autumn 2014, and new feederline and single Mast LW antenna by Ampegon firm Switzerland/Germany to erect too. Transradio/Telefunken engineer Bernd Waniewski is now on retirement. 73 Wolfy (Wolfgang B_schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA [non]. FRANCE, 11985, R. Algerienne via France:
Sep 22 0610-0659*, 35333, Arabic, Koran and talk, Frequency announce at 0654, 0659 sign off.
Sep 23, 0648-0659* 35333-35433, Arabic, Talk, ID and frequency announce at 0654, 0659 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arc-ngel San Gabriel, I've sent a reception report for transmission between 1953-2012, 21-08 to the e-mail address lra36@hotmail.com and they reply in one month:

"Buenas tardes Manuel, Es un gusto para nosotros recibir sus noticias. Agradecemos inmensamente su informaci n y nos hace felices el hecho de

que nuestra se al haya sido captada desde Espa a. Nuevamente, muchas gracias. Un cordial saludo desde Base Esperanza, Ignacio Roman Labrousse, LRA 36 "Arc ngel San Gabriel" CAI 2014 - Base Esperanza"

"Good afternoon Manuel, It is a pleasure for us to receive your news. We greatly appreciate your information and makes us happy that our signal has been received in Spain. Again, thank you very much. Greetings from Base Esperanza,

Ignacio Roman Labrousse
LRA 36 "Arcangel San Gabriel"
CAI 2014 - Base Esperanza "
(Manuel M endez, Lugo, Spain, Sept 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ANTARCTICA ARGENTINE, LRA36 - Hat jemand e-Mail Erfahrungen mit LRA36?
(Michael Lindner, A-DX via BC-DX 21 Sept via DXLD)

Habe im letzten Jahr an <lra36 -at- infovia.com.ar> und
<esperanzaantar -at- infovia.com.ar> gemailt. Beide Mails kamen an.
Eine Antwort steht bis heute aus. <lra36esperanza -at- yahoo.com.ar>
schon probiert? (Juergen Waga-D, A-DX Sept 13, ibid.)

LRA36, in May I received nice and very personal QSL mail from Ignacio Roman Labrousse using <lra36 @ hotmail.com> (Per Eriksson, SWEDEN, A-DX Sept 13, ibid.)

15476, LRA36. Radio Nacional Arc ngel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, 1940-2005, 16-09, comments in Spanish, female, mentioned Argentina, songs, tangos and other songs in Spanish, more comments, "contin en en nuestra compa  a". 14321. Also listened at 1950-2006, 17-09, comments in Spanish and songs. 14321 (Manuel M endez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15475.969 972, LRA36 S=6-7, -84dBm, Sp, typical Latin American music (Wolfgang B schel, Stuttgart, Germany, log Sept 23, 2000-2050 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTIGUA. The Observer Radio - 91.1 MHz - Caribe. Amigos, poste  no youtube 2 videos da abertura de propaga  o transequatorial ocorrida ontem.

<http://youtu.be/jjLD3dd-Io8>

<http://youtu.be/NqTy7gekU1Q>

73's (Fran Jr, S o Paulo SP, Sony XDR-F1HD, Antena interna yagi 7, elementos, Sept 22, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 15345.10, RAE, Sep 17 1300-1310, 35433, Spanish, ID and IS and short music repetition, 1305 Opening announce, News.

15345.05, RAE, Sep 19 1144-1159, 35333, Japanese, Sports news and Argentine music, ID and Closing announce ID at 1158, ID and IS and short music repetition from 1159.

15345.10, RAE, Sep 19 2250-2301, 35333, Spanish, Talk and music, ID and IS and short music repetition from 2258 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345.4, Radio Nacional, General Pacheco, 2001-2016, 20-09, Spanish, "Para todo el país, Nacional, la Radio P'blica, Nacional te informa", news, at 2005 program "Derecho Viejo", "Radio Nacional Argentina presenta Derecho Viejo, cr nica para recordar el derecho a la justicia". 34433 (Manuel M ndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345.077, RAE French, at 2006 UT, S=9+25 -51dBm, not stable transmitter, signal wanders 10-30 Hz up and down (Wolfgang B.schel, Stuttgart, Germany, log Sept 23, 2000-2050 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11711-, Sept 24 at 0246, RAE in English, music, fair signal, steady with no flutter; 0253 already playing IS prior to 0300 French. Closer, non-trans-equatorial stations are disturbed or inaudible while this holds up nicely (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. ABC AUSTRALIA DOMESTIC CUTS --- LATELINE AND STATE-BASED 7.30 SHOWS FACE CULL IN NEW ROUND OF ABC CUTS

All eight state-based 7.30 shows [presumably TELEVISION --- gh], plus 10 specialist Radio National programs among programming targeted for cost-savings ahead of Coalition review
<http://www.theguardian.com/media/2014/sep/22/abc-looks-at-budget-cuts-to-news-and-current-affairs-on-tv-and-radio>

All eight of the ABC's state-based 7.30 current affairs shows, 10 specialist Radio National programs, radio news bulletins, radio current affairs and Lateline are to be targeted in a major cull of traditional ABC programming to fund new digital projects.

While Leigh Sales hosts a national 7.30 program Monday to Thursday, on Fridays each state and territory broadcasts its own 7.30 program, previously known as Stateline, with a host and a team covering local issues.

Abolishing the Friday 7.30 would provoke a huge backlash from the states, as the ABC has already centralised television production in

Sydney and Melbourne and the current affairs programs represent the only remaining productions in some states.

On Tuesday the ABC board will consider a plan that would save millions by reducing the news and current affairs programs the broadcaster produces ñ on top of a radical restructure of back-end functions outlined by the Lewis review.

Guardian Australia understands that the ABC managing director, Mark Scott, will ask the board to push ahead with cuts to programming ahead of confirmation from the Coalition's expenditure review committee of the final amount of funding the broadcaster could lose.

The communications minister, Malcolm Turnbull, said last week the ABC could still maintain quality while cutting as much as \$200m from its budget.

As he signalled in a speech last month, Scott is determined to find savings to fund the ABC's expansion online which he sees as vital if the ABC is to thrive in the digital future. The bulk of the ABC's \$1.1bn budget is spent on television and radio rather than on digital.

Scott said in August that the projected funding cut and demands of operating in a digital media environment required urgent change in the way the ABC operates.

To meet the future, we will need to contemplate and embrace measures that extend beyond operational efficiencies, forcing real content choices, he said in the speech at the Queensland University of Technology.

However, an increased ABC online presence will antagonise commercial media, much of which see the public broadcaster as taxpayer-funded competition.

On the chopping board is the length of ABC radio news bulletins, which would be cut from 10 minutes to just five, as well as current affairs staples such as The World Today, which may be cut in half.

But the highest-profile casualty would be Lateline, which has an independent reporting staff of about 12. The argument for axing it is that the ABC cannot sustain two daily current affairs programs, something even the BBC doesn't do, one source said.

If these plans are approved dozens of journalists and program-makers would be made redundant on top of the hundreds of production staff already in the firing line. Broadcasters Jim Middleton, Sean Dorney and Catherine McGrath have already left after they lost their jobs

when the Australia Network closed, along with 85 other staff.

After the Lewis review, which has not been made public, Scott brought in consultants from PricewaterhouseCoopers to work on the restructure and to find savings. The plan to go to the board on Tuesday is the result of their work, with options drawn up by various divisional heads.

Why Lateline? one news executive asked. There is no rationale for it. Is the ABC doing the government's bidding? Isn't it brainless to reduce content in preparation for a digital future?

Scott has argued that he was able to innovate by making savings through automation and outsourcing production, enabling services like iView. However, with the government demanding more cuts, he will have to cut programs to continue to innovate.

In many respects, we have an analogue structure, an organisational inheritance that sits uneasily in a digital world, Scott said last month. We need to think more in terms of genres and audiences, rather than platforms - make sure we focus on the ABC's content strengths, genres in which it already leads the way.

The ABC gave Guardian Australia the following statement on Monday night: Keeping staff informed is our priority. As soon as there is something definite to say our commitment is that we will tell them first. However such discussions would be premature. No decisions have been made. (via Brock Whaley for WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

Ten specialist Radio National programs to be axed. Well, there goes the argument that the closure of an independent Radio Australia would hardly be felt because of the cornucopia of relevant domestic ABC programming available to it.

Seems the Abbott government and its acolytes installed at the ABC are intent ultimately on making it into a hollowed out shell. "Isn't it brainless to reduce content in preparation for a digital future?" Indeed. If that's what one is really preparing for (John Figliozzi, NY, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If the Australian government is talking about further cuts to the ABC, then it is probable that there will be more impacts on SW output. We're less than five weeks away from the start of B-14; I suspect transmission cuts for RA on SW are just around the corner (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

15300, Sept 19 at 0525, RA 'Pacific Beat' report on aftermath of the Rabaul eruption last month; 0532 announcement that Australia Network

TV will cease Sept 28, but from Sept 29, ABC will provide some kind of limited TV service. We'll see if that still occupy 'The World' 12-13 UT slot Tue-Fri on 9580, 12065 et al. I would not depend on the online RA schedule telling us, since it continues to list 'Keys to Music' Fridays at 13-14 instead of 'Sound Quality' which we are *still* hearing on Sept 19 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. Standort KW-Sender ORS Moosbrunn, Austria.

Ein Wolf-Dieter Roth hat dies geschrieben und fotografiert.

ORF: Standort KW-Sender Moosbrunn.

<<http://neuerdings.com/2014/09/19/alterdings-fahrt-auf-einem-riesen-karussell-mit-orf-kurzwellensender-moosbrunn/#more-102955>>

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Wolltet ihr immer schon einmal eine drehbare Richtantenne auf dem Dach? Ob Sat-Schüssel, UKW oder Amateurfunk? Zu groß? Die in Moosbrunn stehende Dreh-Richtantenne von QRF ,bertrifft alle. 73 Rocco DC5XL (via Wolfgang B,schel, DXLD) linx to 120 photos (gh)

** AUSTRIA [and non]. 6155, Sept 18 at 0538, +1 is starting to propagate again during its morning classical music segment, the only token SW broadcast left from Wien. But now it has a weak het slightly on the hi side, which fits for the off-frequency R. Fides, Bolivia, perhaps having left its carrier on all-night. Nothing else scheduled (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHAMAS. [Re 14-38, GUANTANAMO BAY [and non]]. Is ZNS-2 "The Inspiration Station" from Nassau active on 1240 kc/s? Or does he mean ZNS-3, Freeport on 810 kc/s? As far as I knew, the 1240 transmitter (with dipole wire) broke years ago and was never replaced, with FM 107.9 MHz remaining.

The Radio Bahamas history page would seem to concur:

<http://www.znsbahamas.com/#/about/4577384979>

The Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas (BCB) originated as a state-owned radio service in 1937, some 15 years after radio broadcasting began in North America and Britain. One of the main motivations for the service was to provide hurricane warnings to the far-flung out islands of the Bahamas.

The colonial government launched ZNS (the call letters stand for

Zephyr Nassau Sunshine) as part of the Telegraph Department, just in time for the coronation of Britain's King George V, on May 12, 1937. By the end of May, ZNS was broadcasting two hours a day using a 500-watt transmitter. Programming consisted of BBC news, local news culled from Nassau newspapers, and musical recordings from the BBC.

From 1937 to 1950 ZNS was entirely funded by the government as a non-commercial service. But since then, the BCB has been partly funded by advertising revenues, in addition to a government subsidy allocated annually. Responsibility for broadcasting was transferred to a new government commission in 1955. The BCB replaced the Broadcasting Commission in 1972, and television service was introduced five years later.

The Bahamian broadcasting industry changed very little over the 16 years from 1977, when television was introduced, to 1993, when the BCB's broadcasting monopoly was broken. Private radio stations came on stream that year, and Canadian investors were licensed to develop cable television in 1994.

Over the years, the BCB has played a significant role in unifying the Bahamian archipelago and keeping a widely dispersed population informed about national developments. ZNS remains the only radio station today with broadcast coverage of the entire country.

The BCB was established by Parliament to operate radio and television services throughout the Bahamas. It is governed by a five-member board of directors appointed by the governor-general on the advice of the prime minister. Currently, the board reports to a cabinet minister responsible for broadcasting.

Radio Bahamas (ZNS-1) has operated from premises on Third Terrace, Centreville in Nassau since 1959. In 1962 a second radio station (ZNS-2) was added at the same location, and in 1973 a third station (ZNS-3) was introduced on Grand Bahama.

A 27,918-square-foot television station was added at the Centreville site in 1977 at a cost of \$6 million. ZNS launched an FM radio station (104.5FM) for New Providence in 1988.

Currently, ZNS-1 uses a 50KW AM transmitter to distribute its programming to islands of the northwest, central and southeast Bahamas on frequency 1540AM. ZNS-1 also transmits on frequency 104.5FM to the New Providence audience, using a 5KW transmitter.

ZNS-2, iThe Inspiration Stationî, broadcasts via a 10KW transmitter on frequency 107.9FM.

ZNS-3 uses a 10KW AM transmitter to broadcast to islands in the Northern Bahamas on frequency 810AM. It also transmits simultaneously on frequency 104.5FM, using a 10KW transmitter.

ZNS TV-13 transmits its programming free-to-air in New Providence, using a 5KW transmitter, and via Cable Bahamas to 16 islands throughout the country.

Since 1994 ZNS has operated the Parliamentary Channel on cable channel 40, covering proceedings in the House of Assembly and Senate on behalf of the government of the Bahamas.

In 2009, the government reformed the entire communications sector, enacting comprehensive new legislation establishing a converged regulator (the Utilities Regulatory & Competition Authority). In October 2010 ZNS underwent a major restructuring exercise to prepare for its anticipated new role as the official public service broadcaster. The BCB now employs 146 people to operate its radio and television services ñ 36 in Freeport and 110 in Nassau.

The BCB is committed to the following core values:

- National development, identity and culture
- Good governance, ethics and integrity
- Managerial, journalistic and creative freedom
- Tolerance and respect for diversity
- Public accountability and transparency
- Efficiency and effectiveness

The corporation's Vision is to: "deliver value to the Bahamian people by providing a vital space for free expression, cultural exploration and open debate; by catering to diverse public interests; by pursuing broadcasting excellence; and by promoting national identity and a sense of community." (via Terry Krueger, DXLD)

And here's a little archaeological dig. Note the last entry refers to the "former" ZNS-2. My last ever log was from Long Key State Park, middle Florida Keys, June 1, 2003:

1240 BAHAMAS Radio Bahamas ZNS2, Nassau, New Providence; the reason I come to Long Key -- to always hear this one! And as usual, all-Bahamian gospel programming, promo's for churches and events with the 242 area code, PO Box N-xxxx addresses, etc. Very good and as always in a tight bearing. However, this time no Radio Veinteseis present. [LKSP]

DX LISTENING DIGEST 4-006, January 10, 2004

MW Bandscan (snipped) from Grand Bahama Island Ken Zichi, MARE via DXLD

1240 ZNS2 Nassau, Bahamas -- pretty equal in strength

DX LISTENING DIGEST 11-35, August 31, 2011

(snip) The address is the former 3rd Terrace, which is associated with the Tx site of the 1540 kHz Station ZNS-1 (WRTH 2010). But it's not true. The Tx site is about 5 km down South in an area called South Beach (see pic. 13). The address of former ZNS-2 AM Station is: South Beach Harold Pong, in the same area but a bit to the NorthWest (pic 14). (Lev Lytovchenko, Aug 30, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)
(all via Terry Krueger, Sept 23, 2014, DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. 9455, Bangladesh Betar, Sep 18 1319-1329, 45444, Nepali, News and Bangladesh music, ID at 1323 and 1324 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, Sept 18 at 1359, Bangladesh Betar IS is JBA as this signal improves marginally with approach of Equinox; and for the first time in months, enough for me to track the perpetually fast mistimesignal introducing the Urdu service, 5+1 pips ending at: 1359:27.5. That's about twice as fast as it typically was in springtime (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4750, Bangladesh Betar, Sep 23 1441-1451, 43443, Bengali, News, ID at 1446 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. 11730, Minsk-Kalodzicy, Belarus radio, scheduled 11-23 UT, but in Bjelorussian language at 11-14 UT S=9+40dB or -34dBm, logged with two very strong distorted spurious signals of S=9+5dB on 11698 - 11713 kHz and 11749 - 11762 kHz, latter even covered the 11760 RHC La Habana transmission. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

11730, Radio Belarus at 2108 with a man with news talking about an upcoming conference with Russia, the Ukraine, Poland, and Belarus to solve the current crisis in the Crimea ñ Weak Sep 15 ñ I wish their announcer would speak a little slower so the details could be better understood (Mark Coady, Sept 22, ODXA YRX via DXLD)

** BHUTAN. 6034.95, BBS, 1223-1227, Sept 21 (Sunday). Again heard their cute Sunday program of chatting on the phone with young children and the kids also singing (no music - just singing); lost reception at 1227 (Ron Howard, Calif., E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6034.96, Bhutan Broadcasting Service, 1215-1225 Sept 21, 6034.96, weak

but readable signal with OM; he appeared to be interviewing listeners, including several children who sang and talked. Was able to sync signal with the BBS's live stream and the strongest signal was on my Kenwood TS450S with my A3S beam pointed at Bhutan, but also able to "see" signal on my Perseus. Thanks for Ralph Perry for this one, a new country for me. This one should improve as we head into fall (Mike Nikolich - N90VQ - Lake Barrington, IL, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530A-2 loop antenna, NASWA Flashsheet Sept 21 via DXLD)

6034.96, Bhutan B.S., Sep 23 1341-1436, 32442-33443, Talk and Bhutan folk music and news, ID at 1400, // Parallel at streaming (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST) On much later than previous 1303*v (gh, ibid.)

** BOLIVIA. 4716.70, R Yura, 22 SEPT, 1025 in Spanish. 73 (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.466, Emisoras Pio XII (presumed), 20 SEPT 2014, 1023, weak, in Spanish, best in USB (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, Perseus, SAL-30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BONAIRE. TWR Bonaire old shortwave transmitter site photos are found here:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/bradtwr/TWRBonaireArchives>
(James Mills, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Ponto que observei foi um aumento considerável na qualidade do sinal da Rádio Nacional de Brasília em 980 kHz. Antes o sinal aparecia com intensidade média e agora nas noites por aqui em Itiruruá-BA, ela é das que mais apresentam o sinal forte constante.

Daí, por volta das 18h. desta terça-feira (16/9/14), ouvi uma vinheta de identificação da Rádio Nacional informando que ela agora opera com 300 kw de potência. Tenho observado também, e não sei se é por falha técnica ou testes, a Nacional parece operar com dois transmissores nas noites, haja vista que um o sinal aparece forte mas com interferência de outro sinal da mesma Nacional.

Não sei se vcs já observaram isso nas últimas duas semanas (Ed Santos, De Itiruruá BA, Rádio Tecsun PL 606, Sept 18, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Já reportei pra EBC que os 980 kHz estão com sinais defasados, está com eco, sobre a rádio Globo o vídeo foi eu que fiz, realmente fala em 200 kW mas ela sempre operou com 150 kW.

Não sei se a Nacional está com o transmissor de 50 kW, o que opera

durante o dia ligado ‡ noite tamb m, pois esse de 50 kW   um moderno Harris em estado s lido, e o de 300 kW   um antigo BBC. Na verdade s o 2 de 300 kW quando ela operava com 600 kW. Vou esperar a resposta do email que mandei; estive fora de Bras lia em Jata -GO em Dezembro do ano passado; l  a Nacional era fraquinha. Deveria estar com menos de 150 kW pois r dios do Mercosul ficavam interferindo, devem ter aumentado para 300 kW (Neto Silva, Bras lia DF, Sept 19, ibid.)

Detalhes que me chamou a aten  o: O Problema da R dio Nacional parou e agora o sinal est  um pouco mais fraco. Com rela  o ‡ R dio Globo, eu acredito que eles usem mesmo um tx de 200 kW. Aqui no Nordeste ela tem o sinal mais forte no AM durante as noites. Qualquer aparelho de r dio, por mais fraco, a noite pega a Globo RJ, nem que seja s  ela. A n o ser que o fator que faz diferen a com eles seja o sistema de antenas de transmiss o (Ed Santos, 21 Sept, ibid.)

Valeu pela aten  o! Interessante que aqui no sul   assim: Globo SP 1100 bem forte, Tupi 1280 fort ssima e a Globo 1220 RJ   apenas um "n h". -- pu3hag (Huelbe Garcia, Porto Alegre, RS, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 6180, Sept 18 at 0537, fair signal, but open carrier/dead air, presumably the ailing RNA transmitter or a substitute, as nothing else scheduled now. Ops normal on 11780.

6180, Sept 19 at 0125, RNA good signal but still weaker than 6185 M xico, ergo still <<250 kW, // 11780. Also heavy flutter on 6180 which is unusual, due to propagation disturbance.

6180, Sept 19 at 0538, RNA is also managing to modulate unlike 24 hours earlier; // 11780, very poor with music, 6180 seems distorted besides flutter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [Re 14-38]: ``9819.9, R. 9 de Julho, S o Paulo SP, 0910-desvan. total, 12/9, noticias, texto; 25332.

9819.94, idem, 2118-2135, 14/9, missa, ID e an ncio de freq., ‡s 2130, seguindo-se-lhe a rubrica Latino-Am rica no Ar, em castelhano, enfim, num castelhano mau; 33442, QRM da CHN, em 9820. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos Gon alves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This had been below 9819   more like 9818.9, but I haven't heard a big het lately, so presumably the above two readings are now correct, 9 July having acercated itself much closer to nominal (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

As for R. 9 de Julho, yes, I did catch them on 9819.9, then on -.94, not 9818.9. At least for us here, it's better when they "slide" towards 9818 as this decreases the splatter from China on 9820...

which is all right providing there isn't a too strong signal on 9815!
73, (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, Sept 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But:

9818.9, R Nove de Julho, São Paulo, 0025 Set 20, programa local, ID "9 de Julho", 22333. 73 good DX! (Mauro Giroletti, IK2GFT-SWL1510,
-JRC 525 NRD-LOWE HF 150-Elad FDM S2
-Antenna LOOP ALA100M-FLAG Antenna West direction
-Filter PAR Electronics ,Ãi BCST-LPF
-Lat. 45.25,Ã0.00,Ã0,Ã0 Long. 9.7,Ã0.00,Ã -Locator grid. Jn 45 Nk-playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 15190, R·dio Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte, 1955-2003, 17-09, Portuguese, comments. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190.124, nice music at 2020 UT, Radio Inconfidência (Wolfgang B·schel, Stuttgart, Germany, log Sept 23, 2000-2050 UT, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Always off-frequency; very weak around here; best try before or after WRMI currently on 15190 at 2103-2300, 0400-0800 (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** CAMBODIA [non]. Sept 22: Voice of Khmer M'Chas Srok in Khmer to SEAs on 17860 Dushanbe at 1130:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qv8zZXh99Ho&feature=youtu.be>

Same at 1145:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhDYjw1MF3c&feature=youtu.be>

Same at 1155:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkoHLqN_W-I&feature=youtu.be

(DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via DXLD)

** CANADA. CJYE and CJMR authorized contours application change - what MW broadcasters are up against

Glenn, there where two applications last week [Sep. 15th] on the CRTC web site to modify the parameters of CJYE 1250 kHz [religious] and CJMR 1320 [ethnic]. Both of these stations are licensed to Oakville ON [just west of Toronto] and are co-sited. Loosely speaking, they serve the Greater Toronto Area.

CJYE transmits 10 kW day and 5 night. CJMR is licensed for 20 kW, 24 hours. Trafalger broadcasting wants to modify the parameters of both stations so that they transmit with 10 kW day and night maintaining the same daytime pattern, 24 hours. Here is why:!

CJYE:

"2. CJYE 1250, is co sited with CJMR 1320 therefore this application is mutually exclusive with its companion station which has also filed for a technical change of facilities. A number of towers in the transmitting array are shared with each station. The complexity of the tuning and phase equipment along with filters to isolate each frequency adds to service and reliability issues. The present DA-2 operation relies on 64 relays and contactors during pattern change.

The RF contactors are obsolete and spare parts are non-existent. If any of the contactors fail during pattern change, both stations (CJYE-CJMR) are off air until repairs are made. The complexity of this existing dual frequency, seven tower DA-2 facility has proven increasingly difficult, and costly to maintain. The closure of a number of AM radio stations on related frequencies, has provided an opportunity to greatly simplify the CJMR/CJYE transmitter site by permitting operation as a DA-1 and eliminate 64 contactors which will make it more reliable and easy to maintain. This change will also improve the night coverage and allow the station to take advantage of the opportunities for improvements that are available now, but which might be lost to subsequent allotment plan changes if we wait too long.

3. This application proposes to use 4 of the existing towers to create a DA-1 facility for CJYE-AM. To meet both day and night protection requirements with a single pattern (DA-1), radiation must be suppressed slightly more than necessary during daytime operation. This will result in some loss of day coverage that is offset by improved night coverage which will be more consistent with the day service and the elimination of the need for pattern switching and mechanical contactors which will greatly improve reliability.

Therefore CJYE is seeking a favourable decision to change i[t]s transmission facilities to a more reliable DA-1 operation and provide consistent day night coverage"

CJMR:

"2. CJMR 1320, is co sited with CJYE 1250 therefore this application is mutually exclusive with its companion station which has also filed for a technical change of facilities. A number of towers in the transmitting array are shared with each station. The complexity of the tuning and phase equipment along with filters to isolate each frequency adds to service and reliability issues. The present DA-2 operation relies on 64 relays and contactors during pattern change. The RF contactors are obsolete and spare parts are non-existent. If any of the contactors fail during pattern change both stations (CJYE-CJMR) are off air until repairs are made. The complexity of this existing dual frequency, seven tower DA-2 facility has proven increasingly difficult, and costly to maintain. The closure of a

number of AM radio stations on related frequencies, has provided an opportunity to greatly simplify the CJMR/CJYE transmitter site by permitting operation as a DA-1 and eliminate 64 contactors which will make it more reliable and easy to maintain. This change will also improve the night coverage and allow the station to take advantage of the opportunities for improvements that are available now, but which might be lost to subsequent allotment plan changes if we wait too long.

3. This application proposes to use 6 of the existing towers to create a DA-1 facility for CJMR. To meet both day and night protection requirements with a single pattern, the transmitter power will be reduced from 20 kW to 10 kW. This will result in some loss of day coverage that is offset by improved night coverage which will be more consistent with the day service and the elimination of the need for pattern switching and mechanical contactors which will greatly improve reliability.

Therefore CJMR is seeking a favourable decision to change its transmission facilities to a more reliable DA -1 operation and provide consistent day night coverage"

64 relays and the parts are obsolete!

<https://services.crtc.gc.ca/pub/instances-proceedings/Default-Default.aspx?S=0&PA=B&PT=A&PST=A&Lang=eng>
regards a (Andy Reid, Ont, Sept 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mutually exclusive, so they expect only one of the above to be granted? (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. 1610, Sept 20 at 0518 UT, CHHA with 5-note IS, ID in English, IS again, ID in Spanish; plug an event 22 Nov 2014 celebrating station's tenth anniversary; 0520 UT ``la canci n de la semana``. IDs include callsign in each language, but slogan Radio Voces Latinas only in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Now for some good news for a change! Steve Canney, who is the QSL manager for CFRX, tells us that the transmitter, which had been off the air for quite a while, has been repaired and is running into a dummy load to make sure everything is working properly. The plan is to switch it over to the antenna next week. Hopefully, it will be heard despite RHC having recently taken over its 6070 frequency. Now, wouldn't it be a show of good faith on the part of RHC to move to another frequency? (Mark Coady, Sept 22, ODXA YRX via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

[and non]. RHC is scheduled 23-04 UT. Other main 6070 clash is V. of

Korear in Japanese, 0900-1250 (maybe with breaks before hourtops).
Aoki also shows R. Capital, Rio, Brasil, 24h but I don't think it's
active. And VOA S,,o TomE at 2000-2030 only, not a problem over here
(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 15205, CNR1, 1458+ 16 Sept. Apparently doing echo-jamming v.
RFA Chinese 15-16 and doing it LOUDLY as well (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight
Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 6870+, Sept 18 at 1245, JBA signal with talk, possibly
Chinese. Ran across this while tuning with BFO between 4870 Indonesia
and 9870 India to compare frequency offsets. As usual, Wamena is on
the lo side of 4870; while this 6870 is slightly on the hi side
compared to presumed on-frequency AIR. Aoki does list 6870 as a 0.1?
kW Sound of Hope, Taiwan transmitter carrying R. Free Asia at 22-17 in
Mandarin/Cantonese, and of course *jammed, so I was probably hearing
yet another CNR1 jammer.

19000, Sept 18 at 1343, CNR1 jammer, good with flutter vs FRG-7 birdie

12500, Sept 18 at 1350, CNR1 jammer, fair // 15115 in the mix; none in
the 18s, 17s, 16s, 14s, and only inbanders in 15s, 13s, 11s

12870, Sept 18 at 1351, CNR1 jammer, fair like 12500

11500, Sept 18 at 1352, CNR1 jammer, poor and not synch // 11785, but
2 or 3 seconds behind it

10960, Sept 18 at 1353, CNR1 jammer, fair // 11785

9200, Sept 18 at 1357, CNR1 jammer, poor, // 11785; none in the 8s

17740, Sept 18 at 1413, CNR1 jammer, fair with flutter, // 11835 &
11615 & 9845, all vs VOA Chinese via Tinang; Aoki still lists 17740
with jamming at 14-15, but no known target

9540, Sept 18 at 1414, CNR1 jammer, out-of-synch with
17740/11835/11615/9845, per Aoki maybe against 100-watt Sound of Hope,
but bad news for Turkey in Arabic

9200, Sept 18 at 1357, CNR1 jammer, poor, // 11785; none in the 8s

17890, Sept 19 at 0132, very poor signal in Chinese, CNR1 jammer? No,
per Aoki, it's one of countless Beijing 572 site overkill transmitters
carrying CNR1, but in this case *not* a jammer!!! Comes in handy tho
for comparing to following jammers:

{as I am monitoring this, my second-floor radio room including a

mirror and my chair shake for about 10 seconds in a 4.0 earthquake at 0132:15, between here and Medford OK}

16100, Sept 19 at 0134, CNR1 jammer, poor with flutter, // 17890 but unseems exactly synched

14900, Sept 19 at 0135, CNR1 jammer, very poor with flutter, // 16100

9230, Sept 20 at 1153, CNR1 jammer, poor-fair

10960, Sept 20 at 1154, CNR1 jammer, poor

18980, Sept 23 at 1329, CNR1 jammer, very poor with flutter, matching the Tue & Fri 13-14 hour of RFA Tibetan, 250 kW, 78 degrees from Kuwait, unheard (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4939.956, Odd frequency of Voice of Strait, Chinese, S=9+15dB or -64dBm strength (Wolfgang B,schel, heard on remote Perseus Net radio in Sydney, Australia, BC-DX TopNews Sept 20 via DXLD) Circa 10 UT

** CHINA. 5050, V of Beibu [Bay] R, Nanning, 22 SEPT 2014, 1116, good copy in Vietnamese. 73 (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 9460, Sept 20 at 1149, CRI Esperanto service with language lesson, how to say ``carbonata trinkaj^o`` (circumflex really over the j) in Chinese or vice versa; good signal here. Transmission missing from HFCC, but Aoki says: 1103[sic]-1157 daily, 500 kW, 175 degrees from Kunming-Anning, a ``CRI mystery Aug. 20-``.

9460 was also reported by Claudio Galaz, Chile, at 1136 UT 4 Sept, with SINPO 55454 // 11635 and 15110. Wolfgang B,schel, using an SDR in Sydney, between 11 and 12 UT Sept 18, remarked ``9460 3x terrible mixture, ute, AWR Guam, CRI Esperanto`` but only CRI heard here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 9460 3x terrible mixture, ute, AWR Guam, CRI Esperanto. 9519.982, Nei Menggu. 9820, 4x terrible mixture, probably ?RHC Sp, CNR2 Chin, and Beibu Bay R Vietnamese, and probably VTN jamming (Wolfgang B,schel, downunder on net SDR unit at Sydney, Australia, 11-12 UT Sept 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CHINA [non]. CHINA China Radio International via Urumqi and via Bamako on Sept. 22/23:

1400-1457 17630 URU 500 kW / 308 deg EaEu English, as scheduled A-14

1400-1457 17630 BK0 100 kW / 085 deg CeAf English, instead of French

1500-1557 17630 BK0 100 kW / 085 deg CeAf English, instead of French

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/09/china-radio-international-via-urumqu.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CHINA. 10000, Sept 21 at 1257, higher-pitched time pips about halfway between the ones from WWVH, presumably BPM, the ChiComClock way out of synch with the rest of the world. I'm surprised no one else has noted this: it may seem insignificant for ordinary use, but these stations are supposed to maintain a very high and precise degree of scientific accuracy. SW propagation delays would be insignificant compared to this ~0.5 second difference (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glen[n], The other night I was listening to 10000 after your past reports about the additional out of synch time pips and sure enough I heard the same thing. No one seems to report abnormalities like you do all the time. Just wanted you to know I heard 10000 the same as reported. 73 (John Cooper, Lebanon PA, Who dares, wins, Sept 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 1140, Caracol Radio, Villavicencio, Meta. 2351 September 24, 2014. Faded up briefly over the pile of Cubans with Caracol ID, man and woman fast-paced news, ad block from 2355 with phone numbers, mention of various Colombian Departamentos at 2358 and faded down. First time here for me, I think (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 99.1, Rumba Estéreo. 20/9 0135 UT. ID de la emisora como Rumba, avisos del grupo RCN, la empresa telefónica Claro, locales de Barranquilla como Supermercado Metro, Universidad del Norte y música de salsa. SINPO: 45444. Se mantiene en el aire hasta las 0158, aproximadamente cuando se desvanece de manera completa. La distancia entre Barranquilla y Barraza Bajo es 4641 km = 2883 Millas.

Efectivamente, mi QTH rural, distinto a mi urbano, me permite escuchar esporádicas en FM, desde el comienzo primaveral hasta fines del verano. A lo mejor, ayuda lo humedo de las noches y lo seco de las tardes; ya que incluso he podido captar en analógicos y con telescópicas. Saludos! (Claudio Galaz, RX: Golon RX221-UAR, Antena: Mini loop, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile, Condiglista yg via DXLD)

Humidity has to do with tropospheric DX, not ionospheric long-range DX like this. Nice! Equinox brings a trans-equatorial propagation season in the local evenings, so this may be the first sign of it. Relatively common between Caribbean & southern Brasil, but not between Colombia & Chile, maybe because no one has been looking for it.

But Claudio, did this have the characteristic noisy and fluttery TEP signal, or was it steady and clear, even full quieting while it lasted? In that case it could be double- or even triple-hop sporadic E (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 1140, Radio Surco, Ciego de Ávila. 2309 September 23, 2014. Cuban pop-ish vocals, nice Radio Surco canned ID by man at 2313 over / under Musical Nacional, a Rebelde and Radio Mayabeque. This is the earliest hour I've heard a Surco ID (7:13 pm local), so is this really via the Morón, Ciego de Ávila Rebelde site we assume flips to Surco overnights, or is there really a dedicated Surco transmitter here? (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 11980, Radio Havana Cuba, at 0003, on 18 Sept. A female announcer is talking in Spanish. She says Argentina several times. I can't find any station that is scheduled at this time on this frequency. A male announcer starts to talk at 0015. At 0035 a RHC Station ID was presented by a male announcer. Fair (John Cooper, Lebanon, PA, Winradio-G33DDC, Com Radio CR-1A, RF Space-SDR-IQ, Sangean ATS-909X with Clear Mod, Grundig Satellit 750, Wellbrook ALA 1530+, Super Sloper Tuned All Band Antenna, PARS-SWL End Fed, NASWA Flashsheet Sept 21 via DXLD)

A long shot possibility, requiring a double defect: 5990 transmitter on second harmonic, and carrying RHC instead of CRI relay in Spanish. However, I have never heard this particular harmonic (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 6000, Sept 18 at 0520, RHC English is off again. Time for another look at their schedule at:
<http://www.radiohc.cu/interesantes/estaticas/frecuencias>
No, it still claims 6000 at 00-05 for Washington, and 05-07 for San Francisco.

6060, Sept 18 at 0539, I notice that this English frequency is also off; leaving only the still overkill Cuban Three: 5040, 6100, 6165. 6060 is supposedly at 05-07 UT for New York at 1-3 am local.

6165, Sept 19 at 0126, RHC English still VG signal, but unusually with heavy flutter due to propagation disturbance.

6000, Sept 19 at 0527, RHC English is on during this hour for a change and so is 6060 unlike last night.

13740, Sept 20 at 0225, RHC Spanish on with VG signal, and not on 11760. Maybe there has been an intentional mid-season schedule change which they refuse to display on website; and/or there always seems to be at least one transmitter down, causing juggling of the others.

5040, Sept 20 at 0235, RHC Spanish is undermodulated with hum; wiggle that patchcord! 5025 Rebelde is OK.

6000, Sept 20 at 0505, RHC English gone again, the Cuban Four remaining.

18210 // 12140, Sept 21 at 0113, poor signals from third and second harmonix of 6070 RHC Spanish.

6000, Sept 21 at 0536, RHC English succeeds in keeping this channel on air during this hour, unlike usually, Arnie's beepy science capsule

5040, Sept 22 at 0520, RHC English frequency has wobbling transmitter, while 5025 Rebelde is OK, as are the other four overkill of The Cuban Five.

6000, Sept 23 at 0534, RHC English missing again from this frequency; and 5040 is still wobbling.

5040, Sept 24 at 0547, RHC English still with wobbly carrier on this frequency (and some degradation of modulation), while the other four are OK (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. CHINA vs CUBA, China National Radio 1 vs Radio Habana Cuba 1100-1200 UT:
2330-1200 17580 LIN 100 kW / 286 deg EaAs Chinese China Nat.Radio 1
1100-1500 17580 HAB 100 kW / 160 deg to SoAm Spanish Radio Habana Cuba
(DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. 9565, 09/18, 2242 R. Martí, Greenville-NC, in Spanish; Martí News, ID, 35443. // 11930, 45433 (JRX_Jose Ronaldo Xavier, (Cabedelo-Paraiba-Brazil), Receiver: Degen DE1101, HCDX via DXLD)

Note the I readings in his SINPOS ñ 5, meaning absolutely no interference by the time these get to PB, yet wall of noise jamming as heard in North America (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 12070, Sept 19 at 0108, R. Cairo good signal but just a big hum, no Spanish program modulation. A lot better than the crackle!

11710, Sept 19 at 0108, R. Cairo with poor signal, hetting Argentina below 11711, but no modulation detectable from the former

9315, Sept 19 at 0108, R. Cairo, fair signal and good modulation in Spanish, 0112 mentions ``el día nacional de Chile`` (Sept 18v, independence from the Spanish crown in 1811). 0120 starting another

show, ``Radio Cairo presenta ---`` but title unreadable; now there is some distortion

9965, Sept 19 at 0112, R. Cairo, good with flutter, undermodulated Arabic with whine, but not distorted

13850, Sept 19 at 0536, R. Cairo Arabic to North America, fair with flutter, except it's open carrier/dead air.

9315, Sept 20 at 0218, no signal from R. Cairo's English to N America.

9965, Sept 20 at 0219, R. Cairo, whine and Arabic, good with flutter

12070, Sept 20 at 0219, R. Cairo, good signal but rumble and suppressed modulation audible at peaks

13850, Sept 20 at 0224, R. Cairo, good signal but dead air --- wait, it was just a pregnant pause during distorted Qur'anic

9315, Sept 21 at 0103, R. Cairo modulating in Spanish, but distorted and with humroar, unlike usually on this transmitter

11710, nothing on Sept 21 at 0103

12070, Sept 21 at 0103, R. Cairo Spanish is just humroar, similar pitch to 9315, but louder and no program modulation at all here

9965, Sept 21 at 0106, R. Cairo, good signal but distorted Arabic and no whine for a change! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, I hope this finds you well. Checked Radio Cairo's North American transmission last night at 2300 UT, 9965, good audio, and signal. Meanwhile this evening (9/22) the European Service on 9895 is there, but with a very poorly transmitter. It's putting spurious signals from 9780 to 10000 kHz. I have not been able to listen to the Europe service for months, simply down to bad audio. All the very best (Chris Lewis, England, Sept 22 WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

9965, Sept 22 at 0227, R. Cairo with whine and Arabic not too distorted

9315, Sept 22 at 0229, R. Cairo, poor with flutter, undermodulated presumably English

13850, Sept 22 at 0229, R. Cairo, Qur'an with distorted, suppressed modulation

13850, Sept 23 at 0523, R. Cairo, fair with flutter, Arabic with some

distortion

9965, Sept 24 at 0238, R. Cairo, Arabic service, but only a whine to be heard, and signal only poor with flutter, due to propagation disturbance.

13850, Sept 24 at 0536, R. Cairo, distorted Arabic on poor signal with humwhine (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 6110, Sept 24 at 0256, neat interval signal over and over prior to sign-on, from R. Fana with fair strength.

5950, Sept 24 at 0256, music, maybe another IS, on much weaker signal than 6110 Fana, i.e. Voice of Tigray Revolution, prior to its own opening at 0300. Both listed in Aoki as 100 kW ND from Addis Ababa but presumably different sites (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 13830, V. of Oromo Liberation, Sep 14 *1700-1703, 25222-25221, Oromo, 1700 sign on with opening music, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 17870, R. Freedom, Sep 15 *1600-1610, 25332, Somali, 1600 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Koran, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) a.k.a. R. Xoriyo, HQ in Toronto; even tho in Somali, its target is the Ogaden region of Ethiopia (gh, DXLD)

** EUROPE. Laser noted on new 6075 kHz from tune in at 0725 UT, SIO 343. 73's (John Hoad, Faversham Kent UK, JRC NRD-525 / Wellbrook ALA1530LF, Sent from my iPad, Sat Sept 20, bdx-uk yg WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

Nice to have the former European "Deutsche Welle channel" reactivated. Nothing heard though here at 0915 UT. Laser Radio now heard here in Germany on 6075 kHz AM at 1800 UT with country music and IDs. SINPO 34433. 73 (Harald Kuhl, Sept 20, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

Noted on 1476 kHz this morning, Sunday from tune in at 0500 UT, SIO 222. Sent from my iPad (John Hoad, UK, Sept 21, ibid.)

** GERMANY. European Music Radio transmission on 3rd Sun, Sept 21: 0800-0900 on 9485 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English CUSB. Videos <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/09/mighty-kbc-radio-on-september-2021.html>

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** GERMANY. Hamburger Lokalradio (HLR) will have a special shortwave transmission on German Unity Day, October 3rd 2014. Times and frequencies: 0600-1000 UT on 6190 kHz, 1100-1500 UT on 7265 kHz, all in German. The transmission will be aired from the station in Goehren (near Schwerin, NE Germany) in AM with a power of 150 watts using a 3-band dipole antenna. Reception reports are welcomed and will be confirmed with a QSL card. Return postage is highly appreciated (one US Dollar from abroad, mint stamps from national listeners). Postal address: Hamburger Lokalradio, c/o Kulturzentrum Lola, 21031 Hamburg, Germany. --- Regular HLR shortwave transmissions on Saturdays and Wednesdays will continue with a power of 1 kW (Thomas V^lkner, Sept 24, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. 9935 // stronger 9420, VG Sept 19 at 0117, ERTOpen back on tonight with Greek music, and JBA carrier on 15630 presumably the third Avlis.

9935 // stronger 9420, Sept 21 at 0107, ERTOpen is on tonight, novelty song in Greek, and JBA carrier on 15630 probably this (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERT-open rebels radio still via government SW site Avlis on Sept 22: 15650.026 powerhouse here in southern Germany S=9+40dB or -32dBm, also both S=9+20dB or -51dBm on equal signal strength on 9420.006 and 9935.003 kHz, around 1320-1335 UT. 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B_schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

September 22: ERTOpen in Greek via Avlis 0800 on 9420 to WeEu, 11645 to NoAf, 15630 to WeEu
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_RjHS78USAA&feature=youtu.be

ERTOpen in Greek via Avlis 0900 on 9420 to WeEu, 11645 to NoAf, 15630 to WeEu
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqJaCKFwCW0&feature=youtu.be>

ERTOpen in Greek via Avlis 1112 on 9420 and 9935 to WeEu, 15630 to WeEu, instead of 15650
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ak0bSFp1MNE&feature=youtu.be>

ERTOpen in Greek via Avlis 1201 on 9420 and 9935 to WeEu, 15630 to WeEu, instead of 15650
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7z85zLDHoQ&feature=youtu.be>

ERTOpen in Greek via Avlis 1239 on 9420 and 9935 to WeEu, 15630 to WeEu, 15650 to SoAs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3iNDulHXcuQ&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via DXLD)

9935, Sept 22 at 0227, ERTOpen with Greek music, // slightly stronger 9420

9420, Sept 22 at 0513, now ERTOpen playing a jazz standard, good signal but not on 9935

15630, Sept 23 at 0524, ERTOpen, open carrier/dead air, fair signal, and // OCDA on 9420. A pity, as 15 MHz is propagating much better than usual. Then I seek third transmitter: 11645, poor with flutter, also OCDA, Sept 23 at 0526 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15650.030, V of Greece, symphonic orchestra music, S=8 -78dBm, \\ 9420, 9935.003 kHz (Wolfgang B. schel, Stuttgart, Germany, log Sept 23, 2000-2050 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 15630, Sept 24 at 1349, Greek music from ERTOpen, fair with CCI. They should stay on 15650 at all hours between 01 and 24 when there is no co-channel.

Now on 15630 at 13-15 is also R. Free Chosun via UZBEKISTAN. In B-14 this may move to Tajikistan on same, or to Uzbekistan on 7555 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Can someone give me an update on Greece on Shortwave? Are they still on the air? (B-T-M, Sept 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

BTM keeps asking about various stations' status instead of just searching out all the info in DXLD yg or DXLD which we put so much effort into accumulating and preserving (gh, DXLD)

Eeeh, depends on what you mean with "they". I think the official "new" public broadcaster is not on SW. But there's ERTopen.com, which is made by staff of the former, officially closed ERT. Wolfgang B. schel regularly reports them as irregularly on SW (simply search DXLD or WWDXC for that (ert-open, "greek rebels") and you will get an impression). That of course seems to be somewhat unofficial. No English I believe. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, ibid.)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, Sept 20 at 1138, R. Truth with dramatic reading in Chinese, presumably Biblical, accompanied by dramatic music. I guess their ID in Chinese would be Zhe-nxiing Diint-i (e- rendering high level tone over the e) (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAITI. L'après-midi du 20 sept 2014 --- OR --- Sweet as an Eclair

Here is a sweet TV DX treat --- a return of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on the afternoon of Sept 20. This may have been around 5 pm EST [sic]. This is Radio TÉLÉ Eclair ch 4.

I saw it live, in color, but playback, not so much. Had to use the digital camera again, and had to tweak the photos. It was some kind of action movie. cd

[http://forums.wtfda.org/attachment.php?](http://forums.wtfda.org/attachment.php?attachmentid=16251&stc=1&thumb=1&d=1411483559)

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(Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, Sept 20, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

** HONDURAS. 550, HRH, ABC Radio, Tegucigalpa. 1056 September 24, 2014. Big signal with Mexi-like tune, then canned unison "ABC, ABC, ABC" at 1058, station promo, "ABC Radio" by man at 1100 followed by singing "ABC Radio" jingle, into female and male newscast from 1101 with lots of mentions of Honduras, Tegucigalpa, a mention of Puerto Plata en la República Dominicana, and Nicaragua. "Cinco de la mañana (y) cinco minutos" at 1103, frequent ABC Radio mentions between every couple of items, and more time checks, all consistently two minutes ahead. Began fading at 1110 along with low side het appearing from someone else. Found a live stream here:

<http://www.radios.hn/abc-tegucigalpa/>

Note their logo includes the sub-slogan "la Primera... 550 AM" though never heard. No unidentified Mexican this morning, which is what I was looking for again but pleased this one decided to appear instead

(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] BTW those HRH calls were just pulled off a couple random non-station websites coupling it to ABC Radio. Looking closer those seem to be historic calls for Radio Nacional. So, correct? And the WRTVH has no ABC listed on 550. So how new or old is this one? (Krueger, ibid.)

WRTVH has HRH on 880, 890 for R. Nacional outlets. Not the same as LV de Honduras, on 680 and vicinity, it seems. I have no idea about 550 (Glenn to Terry, via DXLD)

There's a 550 Teg listed in the WRTVH 2014 as Bruce Conti pointed out to me this afternoon, HRXT Radio X, but at a mere 1 kW. However I've heard such low powers on enhanced sunrise from here often (Mexico, Central America, coastal USA) so I suppose not impossible. They could have bumped the power with the format flip too, I guess. And this morning was exceptionally good to Mexi-Central, as often on the equinox-ish. The URL I included clearly confirms my station/ID but it would be nice to try to listen online TOH's for calls, if they even bother to give. The TOH I had definitely didn't have any calls

mentioned. It was nearly local level until 1110 GMT fade.

Their website but no calls indicated.

<http://www.abcradiohn.com/>

This is the page with (presumably) incorrect calls listed on the link:

<http://worldradiomap.com/hn/tegucigalpa>

(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 9445, All India Radio English re Indian Film, Indian music after ID at 2137 and then news at ToH including items about a bus accident in India, and flooding in Pakistan, as well as John Kerry's visit to Egypt to meet with Arab state delegations about Syria. Commentary about India pushing Moody's to raise the country's credit rating, and then re Indian society and culture before s/off with programme previews and sked for tomorrow. Music to carrier off. Several //s heard: 7550 via Delhi, 35443+ which got better as the broadcast went on, but 11670 from Bengalura [sic] was 31+XX1, BURIED under R Habana Cuba and 11740, 21xx1, also buried. This channel was pretty good at first, 3+4+44+3+ but fading to 33+442+ by the ToH. 2132-2229* 13/Sept (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya, 1226, Sept 22, to end the Jakarta news with the distinctive patriotic song "Garuda Pancasila"; // RRI Wamena (4869.91) and RRI Ternate (3344.87) (Ron Howard, Calif., E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4869.925, RRI Wamena, Propinsi Papua, Bahasa Indonesia, at 1012 UT on Sept 20, fluttery S=8-9 signal, -70dBm. Singer like Mahalia Jackson style (Wolfgang B.schel, heard on remote Perseus Net radio in Sydney, Australia, BC-DX TopNews Sept 20 via DXLD)

4869.924, RRI Wamena, 20 SEPT 2014, 1050 very strong in Indonesian (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, Perseus, SAL-30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4869.92, RRI Wamena, 22 SEPT 2014, ID "Radio Republik Indonesia" 1056 good signal, Indonesian. 73 (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9525.890, VOI in Chinese (Wolfgang B.schel, downunder on net SDR unit at Sydney, Australia, 11-12 UT Sept 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

9526-, Sept 18 at 1301, VOI English news with fair signal and OK modulation! Still fluttery, but the greater obstacle to readability now is the announcer's accent: it's always something (Glenn Hauser,

OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.90, V. of Indonesia, Sep 18 1331-1341, 45444, English, Talk and music, ID at 1332 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Excellent reception of Voice of Indonesia on my Sony ICF-SW7600GR and 10 mtr long wire this afternoon: 9525.90 kHz (9526 on Sony) has peaked at SIO 444 with Indonesian 1400-1500 UT, Chinese 1500-1600, and Arabic from 1600. Still very good reception at 1805, now in German, SIO 343. JRC NRD-525 / ALA1530LF, Sent from my iPad. 73's (John Hoad, Faversham Kent UK, Sept 18, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

9525.91, V. of Indonesia:

Sep 23 1235-1245, 45444, Japanese, News and Indonesian courses, ID at 1236.

Sep 23 1324-1330, 44444, English, News, ID at 1325 and 1328 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. 13590, Sept 18 at 0515, VIRI in Russian, fair with flutter, and undermodulated; 0520 to VIRI IS which keeps playing until 0526:40*. So implies this Kamalabad transmitter is not needed for any other service starting by 0523. I'm checking this because 24- hours earlier, I was getting that music loop on 13590 until 0549 or 0550*. But 13590 remains vacant tonight, still at 0544. So previous SNAFU at K'bad remains my likeliest explanation.

13710, Sept 18 at 0514, VIRI Turkish is poor, and a signal on listed // 11925 is so poor that I can't be sure it's the same. These are the only broadcasts supposed to last until 0550. 13710 still but very poor at 0544 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Re your loggings of Iran on 13 MHz this week, VOIRI has been heard here the past couple of nights on 13650 with its English Voice of Justice program starting around 0330 UT. Don't think I've heard this service since late spring, but the signal is nothing to get excited about, weak with some flutter but in the clear. I didn't have a chance to check your loggings around 0500, as I was busy flipping between the Mariners game and the Scottish election results on TV. (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15500, S=9+10dB of IRIB's Dari service via Kamalabad site accompanied by two spurious signals 68 kHz distance away on

15427 - 15438 and

15564 - 15572 kHz, noted at 1135 UT, scheduled in HFCC/Aoki Nagoya

list daily at 0820 - 1150 UT. 73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, Sept 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11880, Sept 20 at 0230, VIRI very good with flutter, news theme, thought they mentioned Kurdish, but scheduled as Uzbek at 0220-0250, 500 kW, 18 degrees from Sirjan.

13590, Sept 23 at 0521, VIRI IS, good with heavy flutter, and modulation cuts out irregularly; carrier off around 0521:45* --- tail of Russian semihour via Kamalabad also USward.

13630, Sept 24 at 1322, VIRI IS, fair signal, 1323 opening Japanese hour, which is 500 kW, 60 degrees from Sirjan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND. RTE (Ireland) announces closure of 252 kHz long wave

Glen[n], In case you don't know:

<http://www.rte.ie/radio1/static/2014/0821/638554-stay-tuned/>

and

<http://www.boards.ie/vbulletin/showthread.php?p=92318094#post92318094>

This means the complete ending of both MW and LW bands by RTE (MW already closed) next month.

The only remaining licenced use of AM bands in the Republic of Ireland is the religious station Spirit FM, which as well as having FM coverage in major centres of population is also transmitted on 549 kHz from a site in County Monaghan (Kevin Carroll, Ireland, Sept 23, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I'm not surprised. Another country gone. It was bothered in the evening in the U.K. and Europe by Algeria when they were transmitting on 252. Just as an aside, RTE on 252 is the only station I can receive here 12 miles south of Limerick, on a simple crystal set without amplification. My closest MW station will now be over 100 miles away. (Brock Whaley, Ireland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A pity to read this. In my part of the UK, the transmissions on 252 have had no problems with the transmitter at Tipaza. No Algerian interference at all, not even noise of vocal. I shall miss being able to hear RTE (Dave Harries, ibid.)

Too bad we're losing another longwave DX target, but I suspect RTE decided that the 252 transmitter no longer had enough listeners to justify the expense. Appears there are plenty of FM transmitters running the same program; is there anywhere in Ireland those FM signals don't reach?

Any chance of RTE selling the transmitter and license? Doubtful, given the earlier failures of private commercial efforts on the frequency.

Of course, those wanting to listen to Algeria won't find their listening bothered by the Irish station (two sides to every coin.)

With the shutdown earlier this year of the 252 Tatarstan Radio transmitter in Kazan, Ireland's LW demise will leave Tajik Radio as the only other occupant of the frequency besides Algeria (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

So there will soon be a spare, fully working transmitter and antenna for MusicMan 279 (OK, 252) to use (Ian Liston-Smith, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

When Chris Cary was alive he purchased a LW transmitter and generator. It was sold off to Ray Anderson some time ago. Sent from my iPhone (Dave Thorpe, ibid.) See also ALGERIA

Loss of RTE real radio on 252 --- I have sent this 'plea' - for what it's worth - to Raidi  Teilif is ...ireann as I feel very strongly as especially coming at a time when the UK is in 'doubt' to lose the only real radio from The Republic is desperate regardless of politics, we owe it to our hobby and to the pioneers such as Fessenden, Hughes, Marconi to speak up for the BBC Motto 'Nation Shall Speak Peace Unto Nation' ---

Sir, As one who regularly listens to RTE Radio 1 in the living room and on the car radio the news you are suddenly ending your only AM station is very disappointing.

This truly is badly thought out as it means you'll let-down loads of listeners to real radio where satellite, FM and digital will not replace this transmission as digital is very unpopular and unreliable (friends in Ireland reliably tell me), FM is fine where good reception is not marred by terrain but doesn't cover much of Northern Ireland; is only heard as 'freak reception' on Welsh coast not at all in England or Scotland. Satellite is not any use in a car and unless in a Wi-Fi area or home (in range of modem) not much use can be made of your web site 'listen live'.

Also, in our country (UK) there are a lot of older folk (65 and over) many being Irish or descendants who are not into broadband, Sky or Virgin cable living in fairly remote areas who when 252 ends will be really upset - remember the population all over these isles is getting older.

It was bad enough when Radio Eireann/Athlone (530 metres), shown on every Irish and British made radio dial, went off Medium Wave but we didn't think you'd let us down on Long Wave.

I've grown up with Radio Eireann on our family big black Ekco AC74 through to the mid 1950's then much smaller Ultra U7961 in the later 50's and early 60's and honestly considered your company was the best commercial radio, notwithstanding dare I say - Radio Luxembourg and pirate radio of the 60's, because it was intelligent wireless covering news, discussion, drama and music.

I realise politicians not understanding the serious limits of DAB or DAB+ are pushing digital to force listeners to buy expensive 'bricks' but surely the big gift of AM wireless is/has been the fact of choice not only of station but ability to get overseas opinion even sitting in a green field miles into the countryside surely this can only help international understanding as well as entertain , are we to step back into isolation and silence ?

Please, reconsider this move. Best Regards, Rog Parsons (Rog Parsons (BDXC 782), Hinckley. LE10 0NJ, Sept 23, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

RTE (Ireland) to close 252 kHz on 27 Oct 2014

[illegible]

RT... is switching off Longwave 252, but don't worry, most listeners won't be affected. The service is *very expensive* and is *unsustainable* in terms of the RT...is current financial position.

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IT LAUNCHED IN 2004, but from 27 October it will be no more, as RT... have decided to switch off the Longwave transmission to focus on FM, DAB and Digital Access. The station used the same frequency that was previously used in the 1980s and 1990s by Atlantic 252.

Don't worry though, RT... says over 98% of listeners will be unaffected by the move, but they will be embarking upon an awareness campaign to

inform any remaining Longwave listeners that are out there that there are superior alternatives.

Why is it being turned off?

RT... Radio 1 Longwave signal covers the island of Ireland and carries also into Britain. It reaches further than FM, but RT... says it is the expense of quality, and it is rare in modern radios.

Tom McGuire, Head of RT... Radio 1 said the availability of the radio service through new digital platforms provides a much improved sound quality and broader access for all programmes.

Just as the audience migrated from medium wave to FM in the past the end of long wave is compensated for by the availability of RT... Radio 1 on various digital platforms through the television in your home, the phone in your pocket, the tablet on your lap or the digital radio in your region, he said.

Very expensive

JP Coakley, RT... Radio Director of Operations, said that service is very expensive and is unsustainable in terms of the organisations current financial position.

He added that nowadays, digital platforms mean that quality and reach do not have to be traded, especially for those listening overseas. The longwave service on 252 has only been in use by Radio 1 for 10 years, and while the service was financially and technologically viable for a short time, this is no longer the case.

What about mass services?

RT... Radio 1 on Longwave carries the same content as RT... Radio 1, except where the service splits to carry programmes from the digital station RT... Radio 1 Extra. These programmes include Mass and Services every Sunday morning and total two hours per week approximately.

RT... said masses and services will continue to be available on RT... Radio 1 Extra on DAB digital radio, Saorview digital TV, UPC digital TV, online globally on the RT... Radio Player and on the RT... Radio Player mobile app.

Read: Investigation into menacing phone calls made from RTE
<http://www.thejournal.ie/rte-garda-investigation-phone-calls-1681311-Sep2014/>
(via Patrick McNally, DXLD)

** IRELAND [and non]. Caro Huelbe: Nem de propósito! Veja

<http://www.rte.ie/radio1/static/2014/0821/638554-stay-tuned/>

Os motivos apresentados pela irlandesa RT..., de que a OLonga n,,o serve, n,,o tem qualidade, v,,o ao encontro da mesma hipocrisia de que falei, h· dias, a propÛsito da suspens,,o da RDPi em OCurta.

Vejamos, uma e outra, investiram, h· poucos anos, em material novo. Volvido este tempo, o mesmo equipamento È simplesmente rotulado de "obsoleto" ;.

Francamente, parece que h· interesses, por parte de terceiros, em equipar, logo, em facturar... para, depois, os mesmos que promoveram a modernizaÁ,,o anunciaram que ela j· n,,o serve.

Brincamos com o dinheiro dos contribuintes sob a fal·cia de que "j· n,,o serve".

N,,o concorda?

Críticas ‡ parte, o sinal da RT..., em 252 kHz, chega bastante bem, aqui, mormente agora, que o tx argelino foi desligado, h· meses, mas para substituiÁ,,o, ao que parece. De dia, n,,o È impossÌvel captar o ...ire; basta ter meios q.b. para isso.

O ...ire, mais concretamente a RT..., deixara a OMÈdia, h· poucos anos, tendo passado a usar o modo AM unicamente via OLonga.

Daqui a meses, fechar,,o igualmente os txs alem,,es de Aholming 207, Zehlendorf 177 e Donebach 153. 73. (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, Sept 24, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** IRELAND [non]. RADIO NA GAELTACHTA SHORTWAVE TEST

Mauno Ritola on Facebook has posted this today from Patrick O'Leary on the rglobe list:

"RaidiÙ TeilifÌs ...ireann diffusera une Èmission expÈrimentale en ondes courtes ‡ destination de l'Europe dimanche 21 septembre de 1000 ‡ 1100 UTC sur la frÈquence de 15415 kHz. Il s'agira d'un relais le la chaÓne nationale RaidiÙ na Gaeltachta."

Bing translation "RaidiÙ TeilifÌs ...ireann broadcast an experimental broadcast in shortwave destined for Europe Sunday 1000 to 1100 UTC 21 September 15415 kHz frequency. It will be a relay the national chain RaidiÙ na Gaeltachta." This is RTE's national Irish language service (Mike Barraclough, UK, Sept 16, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1739, DXLD)

Pour quoi?? D'o¿? Avant des Èmissions fouthballistiques (gh, DXLD)

Test transmission of RT... Raidio Teilifis ...ireann on shortwave on September 21: 1000-1100 on 15415 to West Europe, probably via Woofferton. Will be relay programs of Irish Radio-Raidio na Gaeltachta. BUT no signal!! (DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via DXLD)

No signal 1000-1005 on 15415 (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Sept 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Qu'est-ce que c'était? (gh, DXLD)

Nothing on 15415 here while the game and RTE SW broadcasts are underway. 1451Z 21 September (Brock Whaley, Ireland, ibid.)

** IRELAND [non]. U.K.(non) RT... Radio Irish football final via BABCOCK on Sept. 21:

1300-1600 on 7300 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf

1300-1600 on 17495 WOF 300 kW / 158 deg to WeAf

1300-1600 on 17820 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to EaAf

1600-1700 on 7300 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf

1600-1700 on 11750 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to EaAf

1600-1700 on 17495 WOF 300 kW / 158 deg to WeAf

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/09/rte-radio-irish-football-final-on-sept21.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

Ireland [non] FB special 13-17 UT Sunday --- The All Ireland Senior Football Final (Donegal v Kerry) is this Sunday, 21st September. The same shortwave frequencies are being used as for the Hurling Final a fortnight ago according to the Bulgarian DX Blog:

RT... Radio Irish football final on Sept. 21

U.K.(non) RT... Radio Irish football final via BABCOCK on Sept. 21:

1300-1600 on 7300 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf

1300-1600 on 17495 WOF 300 kW / 158 deg to WeAf

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<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.co.uk/2014/09/rte-radio-irish-football-final-on-sept21.html>

Shortwave to Africa (for Hurling Final 7 Sept - updated 7 Sept)
In Africa, where many Irish people live and work, often in relative isolation with poor communications, RT... is providing special

transmissions on shortwave radio.

Throw-in 1530 (Irish time) [=1430 UT]

Southern Africa

1300-1700 UT, 100 kW, 7300 kHz

East Africa

1300-1600 UT, 250 kW, 17820 kHz

1600-1700 UT, 100 kW, 11750 kHz

West Africa

1300-1700 UT, 300 kW, 17495 kHz

RTE

<http://www.rte.ie/sport/gaa/2014/0905/641633-all-ireland-final/>

(via Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

UTC today RT... Radio Irish football final game ... 21. Sept.

[SOUTH AFRICA / U.K. - Ireland non] RT... football great final game,
data taken from HFCC file, a lot of slewed antenna arrays in use.

via Babcock Woofferton site in England:

17495 1300-1700 52S,53SW,57N WOF 300kW 158degr -12 618 1=Sun

070914-210914 Eng G RT... BAB

and via SENTEC Meyerton site by Babcock brokered:

7300 1300-1700 52S,53SW,57N MEY 100kW 5degr 0 803 1=Sun

070914-210914 Eng AFS RT... BAB

11750 1600-1700 52S,53SW,57N MEY 100 5 0 216 1=Sun

070914-210914 Eng AFS RT... BAB

17820 1300-1600 52S,53SW,57N MEY 250 5 25 418 1=Sun

070914-210914 Eng AFS RT... BAB

(wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 17, dxldyg via DXLD)

1300-1320 logged RT... Radio Irish football final game live broadcast.

U.K. 17495 1300-1700 WOF 300kW 158degr

In Germany S=6-7 -86 to -93dBm, not as strong, skips over Germany
towards Africa target.

In Northern Italy S=9+15dB -54dBm strength.

In southern Italy near NoAF coast / Sicily S=9+35dB -40dBm signal
strength, proper signal from Woofferton.

In Brisbane Queensland AUS S=7-8 or -83dBm.

SOUTH AFRICA 17820 1300-1600 MEY 250kW 5degr

In Germany S=5-6 -92dBm, not as strong, as expected from Meyerton

downunder distance.

In southern Italy near Sicily/NoAF S=9+10dB or -62dBm, not bad over this large distance.

In Brisbane Queensland AUS S=7-8 or -85dBm.

Bad reception on both noted on net SDR at Rochester NY, USA (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 21, ibid.)

17820, Sept 21 at 1327, RT... with special broadcast via SOUTH AFRICA of silly ballgame, excited announcers saying they are 27 minutes into the second half, which implies that the game started much earlier than the expected 1300 UT --- so we shouldn't assume football would necessarily start at the same time as hurling a biweek earlier when there was another shortwave special. Teams now mentioned as Kerry vs Donegal.

JBA carrier on the listed //, 17495 via Woofferton UK. Yet recheck at 1401 finds no signal on 17820, so sudden fadeout, failure, or turned off with game already over? Many others were monitoring this with quite different comparative results. E.g. Rich Ray in IL was still hearing 17820 at 1408, but 17495 was better (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, The RTE special today was the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship, between Kerry and Donegal, which didn't start until 1430 (I was watching the match at an Irish pub downtown). What you heard earlier was the minors match, also between Kerry and Donegal (by coincidence). Kerry teams won both championships.

Next week's special will be the All-Ireland Hurling Championship, starting at 1600 on Saturday. It's a replay, as the two teams (Kilkenny and Tipperary) played to a draw in the championship match two weeks ago. Don't think there will be a supporting match, as Clare won the under-21 hurling championship last week (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RT... Radio Irish football final game live broadcast, received in Romania:

- 17495 kHz - S9 here on my 50 m longwire antenna.
- 17820 kHz - S9+10, very good signal even on a portable radio- nothing on the other frequencies (Tudor Vedeanu, (Gura Humorului, Romania), 1336 UT Sept 21, dxldyg via DXLD)

17495, RT... Radio Irish football final game 21. Sept. Noted at 1345 hrs with a decent signal and coming in quite well at this early hour here in Alberta. Live commentary about teams noted in particular about Manchester United; followed with break and advertisements on Sunday Sports.

17495 // 11750 RT... Radio Irish football final game, noted after 1600 with some very good results for 17495 but 11750 is just audible with nothing not even a carrier on 7300.

Listening to this broadcast, just might me interested into watching European Football on the Telly (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, ODXA yg via DXLD)

17495, UNITED KINGDOM (Ireland) -- RTE via Woofferton, 17495, nice signal with Irish Football Championship from 1400-1530 Sept 21. Really a pleasure to hear a clear signal from RTE, with ads, newsclips, live play-by-play and even an item about some poor soul leaving their wallet in a taxi! (Mike Nikolich - N90VQ - Lake Barrington, IL, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530A-2 loop antenna, NASWA Flashsheet Sept 21 via DXLD)

17495, UNITED KINGDOM. RTE ñ Woofferton, 1656-1700* Sep 21, checked several times for RT... football final but only traces noted until final check just before sign off when noted with sports scores in various sports until carrier cut at 1700. Poor to fair with very deep fades (Rich D'Angelo, 2216 Burkey Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610, U.S.A., NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

17495 kHz good signal here 1405z; 17820, fair signal here 1405z. Refrigerator Safety news at 1408z, then football (Rich Ray, Burr Ridge, IL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In Victoria, BC fair level on 17495 from Wofferton, and improving steadily as dawn approaches. 1410 UT. Nothing on the Meyerton frequencies, which surprises me, as they were often better heard in past years. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, ibid.)

Simeone know the exact email to send reception reports? (Dario Gabrielli, Italy, ibid.)

Dear Dario, Try hearus@rte.ie Regards, (Tony Ashar, Indonesia, ibid.)

Thank you. in internet I try Aldo, info@rte.ie Good 73. Inviato da Yahoo Mail su Android (Dario Gabrielli, ibid.)

17820 and 7300 Nil here. 17495 fair. 252 kHz and 87.8 to 92.0 MHz like a local (Brock Whaley, Ireland, 1446 UT Sept 21, ibid.)

17495 via WOF is on air as heard at 1445 at fair strength, but with some rapid fading as if there might be a co-channel, though no audio noted. And 17820 via MEY is also audible but weaker than WOF. There is no trace of 7300 at this early time. The best signal is via Summerhill on 252 LW which is - as usual - booming in at my location (Noel R.

Green (NW England), ibid.)

Here in North of Italy I receive this station on 17495 with sufficient signal (Dario Inviato da Yahoo Mail su Android Gabrielli, 1459 UT Sept 21, ibid.)

Also bad performance from Meyerton sidelobe across Indian Ocean towards Brisbane Australia SDR unit at 1445 UT Sept 21.

Nothing heard downunder of WOF 17495 kHz channel, but 17820 kHz MEY at S=6-7 fluttery signal at -85dBm. And also 7300 kHz on threshold NOISE leve, not easy to follow live coverage, S=5-6 -94dBm.

It's a pity, sometimes also Sydney SDR connection works very well, but other days the Sydney IP address changes and doesn't function anymore, and even when put the actual Sydney IP on my Kaspersky firewall 'SURE' zone, net server gives negative replay "can't resolve host by address, like IP 101.174.62.130 tonight (Wolfgang B,schel, 1501 UT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Why don't you connect via the map?

<http://microtelecom.it/map/ServersMap.html?sId=1715357952>

73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

RTE strong on 17495 1341-1530. What a pleasure to listen to these broadcasts, including the ads and interviews. They even reported! some fan lost a wallet in a taxi. Signal not as strong in Chicago on 17820 kHz (Mike Nikolich, Lake Barrington, IL USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of RT... Irish football final game on Sept. 21 [audio clips]

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/09/rte-radio-irish-football-final-on-sept21.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, Sept 22m dxldyg via DXLD)

Reception of RT... Irish football final game Sept. 21:

1300-1600 on 7300 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf English

1300-1600 on 17495 WOF 300 kW / 158 deg to WeAf English

1300-1600 on 17820 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to EaAf English

1600-1700 on 7300 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf English

1600-1700 on 11750 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to EaAf English

1600-1700 on 17495 WOF 300 kW / 158 deg to WeAf English

(DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via DXLD)

Sept 21: RT... Irish football final game to WeAf, EaAf 1300 on 17495

Woofferton, 17820 Meyerton

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lGEigmNeFRA&list=UU0kdLTbNeM6g6w8oqkXYtsw>

Same at 1337:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4S1W0bbkyY&feature=youtu.be>

Same at 1402:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snlBswdo7yg&feature=youtu.be>

Same at 1430:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqRKWk1C_Mg&feature=youtu.be

Same at 1500:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smDW04XZ6FM&feature=youtu.be>

Same at 1535:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ePxGillLrVI&list=UU0kdLTbNeM6g6w8oqkXYtsw>

Same at 1601 but on 11750 Meyerton, 17495 Woofferton:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YA0mePdS7g&feature=youtu.be>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via DXLD)

** ITALY. Hello! This afternoon 21 September 2014 (Italian time) Radio Activity, an Italian "independent" MW station, is testing on 1395 kHz with non stop music and IDs in Italian, English and German. It announced an email address: radioactivity1395 at libero dot it

It's located in Emilia Romagna region, northern Italy. Very irregularly active; recently I heard it on 15 August as well. It's an easy daytimer for me, with good signal on a clear channel. 73 (Fabrizio Magrone (Forlì, Italy), MWCircle yg via DXLD)

Clear? ALBANIA must be off when this is heard. TWR uses it only in evenings, but WRTH shows also 09-10 UT by Tirana (gh, DXLD)

Ciao, questo pomeriggio in onda Radio Activity con trasmissione sperimentale su 1395 kHz. Ottimo segnale a Forlì; la stazione dovrebbe trovarsi in zona Bologna-Ferrara. Musica non stop e identificazione in italiano, inglese e tedesco. Ha annunciato l'email per i rapporti d'ascolto: radioactivity1395 chiocciola libero punto it 73 (Fabrizio Magrone, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** JAPAN. Updated languages schedule of Shiokaze Sea Breeze:

1330-1400 on	6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE	Japanese Mon
1330-1400 on	6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE	Chinese Tue
1330-1400 on	6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE	Korean Wed, ex Japanese
1330-1400 on	6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE	Korean Thu, ex English
1330-1400 on	6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE	Korean Fri
1330-1400 on	6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE	Korean Sat
1330-1400 on	6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE	Japanese Sun
1400-1430 on	6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE	Japanese Mon
1400-1430 on	6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE	Korean Tue

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 1400-1430 on 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE Japanese Sat
 1400-1430 on 6020 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE Korean Sun
 alt. frequencies: 5910/5985/6120/6135/6175

1600-1630 on 6165 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg KRE Japanese Mon
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 alt.frequencies: 5910/6020/6075/6090/6135

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

** JAPAN [non]. 11730, Sept 18 at 0529, NHK via FRANCE with off-topic schedule in English, 0530 switching to Sakura and opening in French. Quite good with no ACI from 11725 New Zealand [q.v.] which is AWOL. The Issoudunians are not too careful with their transmitter/program switching, as English is just ending at 0530 on 11970. Need to compare whether they overlap or not, i.e. same transmitter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KAZAKHSTAN. Re: In the last weekend of August passed by the village Bayserke (before 2000 - Dmitrievka) ...

Google Maps is updated on this site, with the single remaining tower visible at 43.504655, 77.010686. I had a look at this site early this year when all (?) towers were still shown. There were 17 of them on the western side and 13 on the eastern side, most curtains beaming around 120-130/300-310 degrees. As can be assumed, the eastern side was beaming to China and SE Asia, the western side presumably carried the home service channels and most likely also sky wave jamming. A large transmitter building is visible at 43.507083, 77.007084, another one at 43.499647, 77.003184 (Olle Alm, Sweden, 22 Sep 2014, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. Mark Fahey --- Those of you who attended this year's

Fest will remember Mark Fahey's two extraordinary presentations. At the time Mark said that his book would be released electronically about now. An article dated 22 July 2014 suggests that the release has been pushed by to the end of the year.

<http://mashable.com/2014/07/22/life-inside-strangest-nation-on-earth/>
(Ron Hunsicker, Sept 24, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Ron, I remember Mark's presentation very well. Many of the pictures with the article I recall from his presentation. It brought back some interesting memories and discussions with Mark about his visits to this strange "paradise". 73, (Rich D'Angelo, ibid.)

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So, NO English any more; but keep checking in case it come back (gh)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Voice of Wilderness in Korean to N Korea, 1357 on 11860, Palauig Zambales [RVA PHILIPPINES]
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCY2-slSNX8&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. 15575, Sept 20 at 0222, KBSWR fair in Spanish, with flutter. Too bad they refuse to use this evenings in English, instead at 13-14 UT when it propagate only circa mid-summer, not any more (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. PRIDNESTROVYE. 11510, MOLDOVA. Radyoya Denge Kurdistane, (Opposition to Iraq), at 0319, on 18 Sept. The station is playing an instrumental song that keeps repeating itself as if the station has not come on the air and is running a loop. It is scheduled for 0300 in the presumed language of Kurdish. I checked back at 0322 and the station is still not broadcasting. Fair (John Cooper, Lebanon, PA, Winradio-G33DDC, Com Radio CR-1A, RF Space-SDR-IQ, Sangean ATS-909X w/ Clear Mod, Grundig Satellit 750, Wellbrook ALA 1530+, Super Sloper Tuned All Band Antenna, PARS-SWL End Fed, NASWA Flashsheet Sept 21 via DXLD) Officially as per WRTH classification, it's opposition to TURKEY, i.e., Turkish Kurdistan, not other Kurdistans

** MALAYSIA. 5964.711, RTM, 20 SEPT 2014, 1032 very good signal, in Malaysian (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, Perseus, SAL-30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5964.7, RTM Klasik, 22 SEPT 2014, 1128 Loud in Malaysian, male, ID 1133 very loud. 73 (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9835, RTM Sarawak FM, and CHN Xinjiang underneath (Wolfgang B_schel, downunder on net SDR unit at Sydney, Australia, 11-12 UT Sept 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

11665, 09/21 2310, RTM Wai FM, Kajang, in Malay lang.; First Log; fv presents a musical prgr.; A long interview with a man; ID at 2351, Music; News presumed at 0000 UT, 35433 to 35432 (JRX_Jose Ronaldo Xavier, (Cabedelo-Paraiba-Brazil), Receiver / Antenna; Degen DE1103 / Longwire. Reference: A14 Summer Schedules by Aoki, EiBi, WRTH... Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 660, XEFZ, ABC Radio, Monterrey, Nuevo LeÛn. 1100 September 21, 2014. Anthem in progress at tune-in, female with calls and ABC Radio slogan at 1102, into of all things, Survivor "Burning Heart"

followed by a Spanish ballad. So beware, 80's English (Chicago, at least) language rock here could be this one (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also OKLAHOMA: 1140; USA: 1050

** MEXICO. 6185, Sept 20 at 0503, XEPPM YL mentions 24-hour service, and introduces traditional Irish music, but cut off the air by 0505, as only 1060 MW keeps running, tsk2.

6185, Sept 22 at 0516, XEPPM is still on late, piano jazz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. An article of interest. This is typical Notimex, it's really just a paraphrasing of the IFT's own press release:

LICENSING RULES CHANGED FOR NEW TV NETWORKS

The IFT Committee approved modifications to the licensing rules for the television stations to form two new national networks, with the goal of bringing them in line with the new Federal Telecommunications and Broadcasting Law.

Among the new characteristics that the law establishes for the frequency bidding that were not originally included, among others, is the necessity to present on behalf of the interested parties a programming proposal that promotes and includes the broadcasting of national, regional and local contents.

Additionally, the IFT adds in a press release, it includes the prior and favorable opinion of the National Commission for Foreign Investments, in those cases where foreign investment is involved.

It also signaled that the law establishes a new regime for concessions in telecommunications and broadcasting, under which the models of "unified concession" (concesión única)* and of concession of radioelectric spectrum.

The IFT highlighted that the new "unified concession" model added as part of the appendix to the rules is a convergent and modern title that permits the offering of all telecommunications and broadcasting services that are technically possible within the country.

With this, administrative workload is significantly reduced without neglecting that the concessions must comply with all of the obligations that the law and other legal documents establish for them in the offering of said concessions and the installation of their corresponding restructure.

The IFT emphasized that both the rules and the model of frequency

blocks for commercial use offer complete judicial certainty to those interested in the bidding process with respect to the express authorization they will have to broadcast digital subchannels.

Finally, the timeline for the bidding process was modified to reduce the time frames originally established to bring the process to a sooner end. It will conclude within the first quarter of 2015.

*This term isn't terribly clear. The idea is that a concessionaire can offer any services that are possible within their assigned frequency without having to ask government permission. Another article on this from last year says that if a company operates triple play services but can offer new services over its network, if it has the unified concession it can offer that service without needing to request an additional permit.

There are certain restrictions/obligations additional to preponderant economic agents (Televisa and Am rica M vil) to obtain these. This is a massive transition (Raymie Humbert's Mexican Beat, Sept 24, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

** MICRONESIA. 4755+, Sept 19 until 1159:24.5*, PMA The Cross carrier cuts off but too weak to hear DTMF tone cues if any. Then up to SOLOMON ISLANDS, q.v.

4755+, Sept 20 at 1158, PMA The Cross is very poor with some contact info (phone number?) in English, probably of a syndicated program, marred by MARS(?) SSB and digital QRM almost co-channel (but no time to measure to usual 4755.55 area), until cutoff at 1159:26.5* after which I retune quickly to 5020 where I capture SOLOMON ISLANDS [q.v.] doing its own autocutoff 27 seconds later (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA [non]. GERMANY, 3985, Voice of Mongolia via Kall Krekel, 1903-1910, 20-09, English, news of Mongolia, comments. 23322. (M ndez)

6005, Voice of Mongolia via Kall Krekel, *1730-1741, 20-09, tuning music, identification: "Voice of Mongolia", English, comments. 12321. (Manuel M ndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It is understood that the Voice of Mongolia are temporarily - until 05th October - targeting additional broadcasts in English to Central Europe through a 100 kW transmitter at Kall Krekal [sic], Germany. The schedule that is being circulated for these additional broadcasts:
1430 - 1500 UT on 7310
1730 - 1800 UT on 6005

1900 - 1930 UT on 3985

I have tuned in at these times and can hear the same female voice on these frequencies at the stated times. The signal where I live has proved mostly to be very bad with too much noise for the broadcast to be listenable. However what I have heard in those timeslots has been in English as scheduled. Tonight (18th September) I caught a fairly clear ID which I heard, with a split second interruption, as "Voice of [.....]ia". It is understood that reception reports may be sent by email to vom_en@yahoo.com or, if you fancy sending a snail mail, the address is:

Voice of Mongolia,
English Section,
C.P.O.-Box 365,
Ulaanbaatar-13,
Mongolia

Best wishes and 73s,
(Dave Harries, Bristol, England, Sept 18, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

Re 6005 KLL Kall Krekel Eifel 100 kW - disaster entry.

Dave, this is a wrong information. The transmit power is 1 to 10 kW only at Kall. Only during a total failure at Kall transmitting center site, a spare transmitter in the bigger MBR Media & Broadcast center is used then in Nauen with 100 kW as a disaster hedge replacement.

``BACK UP Reserve registration for MBR Nauen site at 100 kW power, if it were ever to happen tx center a disaster on their Kall Eifel tx center!``

This information according to technician Christian Milling at Radio 700 Kall site. Should always be in range 1 to 10 kW at Kall Germany. (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 10) (B,schel, ibid.)

Thanks Wolfgang. Information I was using came from <http://mt-shortwave.blogspot.co.uk/2014/09/voice-of-mongolia-via-germany-to.html> which specifies either 1 kW or 100 kW for the TX power! Pity they can't use Nauen (Dave Harries, Bristol, England, ibid.)

Everyone, referring to that blog is not recommended if you wish accurate up-to-date info. This was already explained in DXLD 14-37 and on WOR 1738 (gh, DXLD)

** MOROCCO. 9575, R. Medi Un, Sep 18 0730-0745, 35433, French, Theme music at 0730, News, ID at 0741.

9575, R. Medi Un, Sep 22 0641-0649, 45444, French, Theme music at 0641, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-

515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 5915, Myanmar Radio, 22 SEPT 2014, 1124 good copy despite some noise, S8 in Burmese. 73 (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR [and non]. 7345, Sept 18 at 1249, poor signal with flutter, songs; 1255 seems dead air as Navy MARS net starts up on exactly same frequency with this as BFO for USB [see USA]; 1300 music has resumed. Presumed Thazin Radio, a rarity here, per Aoki schedule including 1230-1330 daily in minority language Mon, 50 kW, 356 degrees from Naypyidaw. Tnx to Ron Howard tip that CNR1 blockage is missing. Unlike with Latin American info preserved years after stations disappear, Aoki is right up to date on this, showing the CNR1 1100-1805 broadcast via Beijing off as of Sept 14. It was aimed 175 degrees and must have made a mess in Myanmar, but I wouldn't assume it's gone for good, so get Thazin now! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7345, Thazin Radio (presumed). Daily well heard without the strong presence of CNR1. Have yet to actually note a positive "Thazin Radio" ID. Did have moderate USB QRM from MARS net traffic at 1305, on Sept 20, as Glenn previously also heard on 7345. Fair on Sept 22 - <https://app.box.com/s/8ln599cgr73m1mfxqvro> (some music at end of audio); 1250-1330*.

BTW - Am unable to hear 6165 (Myanmar), with too much QRM. In the past I could detect them at 1430 (English), but recent checks was unable to hear them under China. Interested to note the following via Aoki - 6165 Myanmar Rakhine Broadc. Stn. 0930-1430 1234567 Burmese So the name Rakhine Broadc. Stn. is still being kicked around. Not longer Thazin Radio? Who knows for sure? (Ron Howard, Calif., E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Bad news - Sept 23 found 7345 with strong CNR1 at 1106 and subsequent checking. Blocking Myanmar, which was only faintly heard underneath. Am so glad I recorded Myanmar yesterday with decent reception (no CNR1). Was great while CNR1 was recently off the air (Ron Howard, San Francisco, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: ** MYANMAR. 9730, Myanmar Radio, 1107-1128*, Sept 9. Live coverage of the "U19" (under 19) ASEAN AFF soccer game with Myanmar vs. Indonesia, played in Vietnam; match ended 1119.

Received the following email today (Sept 20), for a reception report sent to <nptradio.eng@gmail.com>

"Dear Mr. Ron Howard, This is our Myanmar language transmission from

our Station, we exactly confirm. Thank you so much for your great pay attention. We are very glad to hear that. Keep in touch. Sincerely yours, Myanma Radio" (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 9730.053, Myanmar R, Rangoon site (Wolfgang B, schel, downunder on net SDR unit at Sydney, Australia, 11-12 UT Sept 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. Re: Radio 5 will leave the MW band in one year, on September 15, 2015.

Radio 5 stations will no longer be on AM. The choice was made because of cuts. "With the shutdown of the medium 1.2 million can be saved. Broadcasting by AM is energy expensive. Furthermore, discontinuation creates less impact on the environment," explained a spokesperson in a press release. This form of distribution is relatively harmful to the environment because of the large energy consumption. "An annual three million kWh of energy can be saved." The current transmitters for MW are outdated. "Continuation of the AM has extensive investments." Listeners of Radio 5 can listen to the radio via cable, internet, mobile, satellite and Digital Radio +. "The alternatives, especially Digital Radio +, offer higher listening quality than AM ." With the discontinuation of the AM, NPO follows the European trend. "More and more broadcasters are switching off AM. In Switzerland, Belgium, Norway and Sweden, AM practically no longer exists." (from <http://www.mediacourant.nl> via NRC IDX Sept 26 via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Mighty KBC Radio on September 20/21:
0800-1500 on 6095 NAU 100 kW / 240 deg to WeEu English Sat/Sun
0000-0200 on 7375 NAU 125 kW / 300 deg to NoAm English Sun. Videos:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/09/mighty-kbc-radio-on-september-2021.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

EAST GERMANY. 7375, Mighty KBC, at 0044, on 21 Sept. The Mighty KBC is playing its usual mix of rock and roll on the Giant Jukebox with Uncle Eric. At 0050 there was a DX report followed by more music at 0052. At 0055 there was a station ID. Mr. Spencer came on at 0056 and farted. Good (John Cooper, Lebanon, PA, Winradio-G33DDC, Com Radio CR-1A, RF Space-SDR-IQ, Sangean ATS-909X with Clear Mod, Grundig Satellit 750, Wellbrook ALA 1530+, Super Sloper Tuned All Band Antenna, PARS-SWL End Fed, NASWA Flashsheet Sept 21 via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. 15720, Sept 18 at 0517, open carrier/dead air, but RNZI modulation resumes by 0518, still at 0545 with news about Fiji (which is off the radar of US media). 15720 is supposed to close by 0500, then 11725, which is now vacant; still so after 0529 so no ACI for a change to NHK 11730 English into French.

As long as I can stay awake, I keep one receiver on 11724 BFO to alert me if and when 11725 come on, but still hasn't at 0602, and now 15720 is off too. So RNZI operations are way off-schedule, maybe another maintenance break/problem, or a schedule revision? No, <http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/listen> still shows AM switch from 15720 to 11725 at 0458-0459. No DRM scheduled to be on around this time, and none heard on 11690. However, Walt Salmaniw in Victoria BC found DRM was on an even more fractured schedule and tells the DXLD yg:

``Just caught the last few seconds of RNZI in DRM on 9630, but they dropped suddenly without announcements at 0600. Found them down on 7330, but despite a really strong S9+10 signal, I'm still not able to decode the signal. I guess my SNR is still not good enough.``

The schedule shows totally different times for DRM on those frequencies: 9630 at 1836-1850 only! for Samoa; and 7330 at 1551-1835 for Cooks, Samoa, Niue, Tonga! (7330 might have been Andernach?)

Altho Sept 18 is the third Thursday of September, this proviso hardly accounts for such anomalies: ``NB: Every month on the first and third Wednesday it is Maintenance day at our transmitter site from 2230 to 0600 UTC. (Thursdays 1030 - 1800 NZST) During this period there may be interruptions to our programmes``

11725-AM, Sept 19 at 0537, RNZI back to normal with Pacific news (too bad they do it at the same time as RA), after missing from this frequency 24 hours earlier. Apparently as part of maintenance, they were firing up various frequencies for brief periods regardless of when they are supposed to be scheduled, as Dan Sheedy noted: (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15720, RNZI, 0552 18 Sept. Running late today & playing "frequency hopscotch" as well: on 9700 at 0554 QRMing RRI (Galbeni in English), then down to 6170 at 0556; recheck at 0603 found them on sked 11725 (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/6m X wire, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 15120, V. of Nigeria, Sep 18 0745-0752, 35333, French, ID at 0745, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15120, VON, 0445, Sept 19. IS and IDs in English; mixing with CRI; poor (Ron Howard, Calif., E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORFOLK ISLAND. 18158 21/09 0315 VK9NT, v-rios QSO, CQ DX, 53 audio em

<http://www.ipernity.com/blog/76129/780635>

73 (Samuel C'ssio Martins, S,,o Carlos SP, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE-NA, UNID-Old Time Radio Station, 3205 AM, 0015-0035+, 09-13-14, SIO: 333. Amos & Andy, then some music and into The Jack Benny Show at 0031. This one has been on 6770, 3395 as well, and sometimes is off all frequencies (Chris Lobdell, Stoneham MA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE-NA, OMCS/Orbital Mind Control Satellite, 6930 USB, 0050-0101*, 09-18-14. SIO: 333 Instrumental music, OM announcer talking, "stand for the anthem of the people Crab Nebula", mention of brain washing device, wished everyone a good night "eat your vegetables, walk your dog and feed your parrot". (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180 USA, Receivers: Eton E1, NRD-545, Aerials: G5RV, 40 Meter Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. North Woods Radio Pirate 6935 kHz USB. SINPO 45454 Playing automobile themed songs. ID at 0012 (Mark in Central PA Clark, UT Sept 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6935-USB, Sept 21 at 0056, vocal rock music continues past 0100, good signal, 0105 quick announcement by YL voice, unreadable, followed by 73 in CW and off. This thread says it was Northwoods Radio, with Alice Cooper when I was listening

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,18595.0.html>

It was not however a CW ID at sign-off, just ``73``

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6940-USB, Sept 21 at 0132, good signal with blues/jazz, maybe Billie Holliday, 0136 ID as Wolverine Radio. Too much competition Saturday nights from KBC, WOR, but this thread says the theme was ``baby``:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,18596.0.html>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1140, Sept 20 at 0241 UT, XEMR gospel huxter in Spanish has QRM from national ads in English, 0244 UT soft rock/soul; hard to null vs XEMR and makes 90/minute = 1.5 Hz SAH with it; 0253 UT more national ads, for IRS relief, low-T, and then: Deaconess Medical Center, 405 area code, so it's only KRMP Oklahoma City.

I hardly expected that, a 1 kW ND daytimer, now a sesquihour after official OKC sunset in Sept of 0115 UT (Oct: 0030). Aha, FCC shows it does have PSSA (post-sunset authority) for SIX WATTS yearound, until 0245 UT in Sept. But this is no 6 watts --- and:

0525 UT recheck, KRMP is still on with a local OKC promo. Of course

they run continuously on FM 92.1 translator, so it should be ``easy`` to ``forget`` to turn off the AM as required by license and law.

{Don't feel too bad for XEMR --- it's always cheating, supposed to be direxional away from us toward the SW at night, but always the dominant signal here} (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1610, Sept 22 circa 1830 UT, I can now barely hear the NOAA Weather Radio relay of Wichita on WQCL720, Great Salt Plains State Park, on caradio from a quiet location in western Enid, so its coverage is about the same as the old transmitter (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 10.8 MHz, Sept 18 at 1356 UT, weak distorted wideband FM talk // 101.9 KTST OKC, i.e. radiation from IF of unknown neighbor's FM receiver tuned to their favorite station. Also barely audible weaker on its second harmonic range circa 21.6 MHz (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15150, RSO, 1410-1435+ 17 Sept. Fair & clear, 10 kHz above nominal frequency for them. English hip-pop, station promos ("your style, your music -- Radio Sultanate of Oman", "today's hits -- Radio Sultanate of Oman, 90.4"), PSAs at 1427 (one for a mentoring programme in Oman), "Big Ben" bells/fanfare lead-in to news at BOH and mixing about 40/60 with AWR's 1430-1500 Pwo programme (via Trincomalee). Back on 15140 on 18 Sept. at 1405+ (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Wrong frequency of Radio Sultanate of Oman was noted Sept 17:
1400-1500 on 15150 THU 100 kW / 315 deg WeEu English, instead of 15140
1500-2200 on 15150*THU 100 kW / 315 deg WeEu Arabic, instead of 15140
*co-ch R. Tamazuji/R. Dabanga Sudanese Arabic til 1627; AWR Farsi 1630-1700

Radio Sultanate of Oman was back to its usual frequency on Sept. 18 (DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

15355, Sept 19 at 0119, RSO very poor with flutter, Qur'an, here instead of absent 9500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, Radio Sultanate of Oman, Thumrait. 2130-2156* September 20, 2014. Arabic vocals, announcer. Abruptly off in 2156 in advance of switching to 15355. Very good.

15355, Radio Sultanate of Oman, Thumrait. *2157 September 20, 2014. Transmitter up 2157, audio specifically timed up at 2159:14. Arabic

with ID, discussion, vocals. Good (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9500, Sept 21 at 0110, RSO with Qur'an, VG signal, correct frequency tonight instead of 19mb (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Again surprisingly transmissions of R. Pakistan Sept 17:
0500-0700 15730 ISL 250 kW / 282 deg to N&ME Urdu, no signal 0600-0700
0500-0700 17810 ISL 250 kW / 282 deg to N&ME Urdu, no signal 0600-0700

0830-1100 15730 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu Urdu, with several breaks
0830-1100 17700 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu Urdu, with several breaks

1100-1110 15730 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu English news ex 1100-1105
1100-1110 17700 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu English news ex 1100-1105
(DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

September 17, Radio Pakistan in English to WeEu on 17700, 15730 Islamabad, at 1100:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdVSzW1kqx8&feature=youtu.be>

Same at 1104:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9DgN_0lBxQ&feature=youtu.be

Same at 1109:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1N4lYs9APxU&feature=youtu.be>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385, NBC East New Britain, Rabaul. Had been off the air since Aug 29, the day of the eruption of the Tavurvur volcano. Sept 22 at 1118 with religious indigenous singing; 1125-1127 spot with American preacher (attached audio); as usual many ads in both English and Pidgin; 1202 PNG bird call and into the news in English, but unreadable; by 1210 was very poor (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3385, Sept 23 at 1118, R. East New Britain, Rabaul is back on the air, very poor but some talk audible; Ron Howard says this resumed Sept 22 when he heard it at exactly the same hour. Also VP carrier here on 3260 which would be Madang (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4747.607, OAZ5B, Radio Huanta 2000, Huanta, Ayacucho, Spanish mixed with Quechua. According to DBS dswci list 1030v-1325v & 2200-0100v, s/off v-0230*. Noted at 1030 UT on Sept 20. S=8 -73dBm. Excellent signal today, best signal in a long while (Wolfgang B. schel, heard on remote Perseus Net radio in Sydney, Australia, BC-DX TopNews

Sept 20 via DXLD)

4747.60, Radio Huanta, Tirapampa, 20 SEPT 2014, 1040 very strong! in Spanish. 73 (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4774.894, R Tarma, 20 SEPT 2014, 1012 good signal, easy copy in Spanish

4774.90, R Tarma, 22 SEPT 2014, 1022, good signal, easy copy in Spanish. 73 (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4810, R Logos, 20 SEPT 2014, 1010 moderate signal, in Spanish (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4955, Radio Cultural Amauta, Huanta, Peru 20 SEPT 2014, 1050 very solid, some noise in Spanish best in LSB. Recording of R Cultural, ID, Peruvian national anthem, 13500 km:

<http://youtu.be/nLqU8sCjmQw>

1120 good copy at their sunrise, in Spanish, now best in USB (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, Perseus, SAL-30, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4955.000, OAX5S, Radio Cultural Amauta, Huanta, Ayacucho, according to DBS dswci list 1100-1400 2100-0100v UT, but heard early Saturday at 1020 UT Sept 20, religious Spanish, ID: "Radio Cultural Amauta", "Desde la ciudad de Huanta, en la Cordillera de los Andes, Èsta es Radio Cultural Amauta" (Wolfgang B_schel via remote in Sydney, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5980, Sept 19 at 0106, JBA carrier from R. Chaski, until cutoff at 0111:30.5* which is 12 seconds later than one binite ago (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980.016, R Chaski, 20 SEPT 2014, 1037 weak (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney NSW, Perseus, SAL-30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, Sept 21 at 0053, JBA carrier from R. Chaski, until cutoff at 0111:42.5*, which is 12 seconds later than another binite ago, so seems to be slipping now by 6.0 seconds per 24 hours (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 15355, 09/18 2305, RVA, Palauig, in Tagalog; mv. talks, ID, preaching with musical background, 35432. Note: R. Sultanate of Oman, on 15355 kHz no signal this time (JRX_Jose Ronaldo Xavier, (Cabedelo-Paraiba-Brazil), Receiver: Degen DE1101, HCDX via DXLD)

★★ PORTUGAL. Re: Denis Zoqbi: RDPi - R. Portugal, 03SET'14.

Caro Denis Zoqbi e demais membros: Passaram quase 20 dias sobre o que escreveu aqui, no Fórum, mas conviria corrigir alguns pontos a propósito do seu comentário, ao mesmo tempo que acrescento umas quantas explicações.

1. A RTP-Rádio e Televisão de Portugal (engloba a TV e a rádio públicas) usa uma sigla, "RTP", que, infelizmente, se presta a confusão, porque o ramo TV usou-a sob a designação de Radiotelevisão Portuguesa a qual, porém, continua a usar a sigla "RTP", mas apenas a sigla, as letras, v.g. para identificar os seus vários canais TV, como RTP 1, RTP 2, RTP África, RTP Internacional, RTP Memória, RTP Informação. Confuso, claro, mas foi a [triste] opção escolhida.

2. No ramo rádio, a Rádio e Telev. de Portugal também optou por manter, talvez por tradição, siglas, como "RDP", que não passam disso mesmo, apenas identificam o ramo em si; assim, temos RDPi e RDP África, mais valendo que se chamassem Antena Internacional, Antena África, a ex. doutros canais, como Antena 1-2-3 ou ainda Antena 1 Açores e Antena 1 Madeira. Logo, nova confusão.

3. A onda curta, oficialmente, não foi deixada, foi suspensa, tal como sucedeu com a rede DAB, que difundia vários canais de rádio: Antena 1-2-3 e RDP África, pelo menos.

4. A onda curta foi suspensa por motivos economicistas, sim, embora sob o pretexto falacioso de que se tornara num meio obsoleto a que, segundo a RTP, a sua esmagadora audiência já não (?) recorria... apesar de investimentos de vulto ocorridos poucos anos antes da decisão de suspender a OCurta, o que, no mínimo, soa a contra senso. Já o disse aqui e já o comuniquei à RTP:

o pretexto apresentado focou-se na OCurta, não noutros canais ou meios da empresa porque, convenhamos, a OCurta é um meio que poucos dos contribuintes conhecem, logo, não sentem a sua suspensão ou até o seu fecho, se ele vier a ocorrer, como muitos temem. ... mais fácil "atirar" com o "papão" da vetustez da OCurta e silenciá-la, temporária ou definitivamente, do que cortar em algo em que a audiência nacional iria perceber, sentir de imediato.

5. O canal RDPi não chegou a suprir financeiramente os gastos com a operação RTP-rádio, vulgar "RDP". Isto não faz sentido porque se trata de um canal dentro do ramo rádio. O que sucedeu - *em tempos* - foi o apoio financeiro que a ex-Radiotelevisão Portuguesa chegou a obter, ao ter recebido verbas da RDP, quando uma e outra eram entidades separadas, ou seja, antes da fusão de ambas. A RDP, sucessora da EN-

Emissora Nacional, recebia verbas estatais e tamb m uma contribui o (actualmente designada por "Contribui o Audiovisual" , ex-contrib. para radiodifus o sonora) que era e   uma das parcelas pagas por todos os consumidores de energia el ctrica; em cada factura, temos uma parcela afecta a essa contribui o, que   entregue   RTP). A par disso, outra fonte de receita da RDP, e, agora, a RTP s  os dividendos obtidos ao prestar forma o de t cnicos e quadros estrangeiros.

Conv m n o esquecer que h  ainda outra fonte de receita da RTP, j  do tempo da Radiotelevis o Portuguesa, que   a receita da publicidade; desde a fus o, o ramo r dio - que nunca emitiu, nem emite publicidade - passou, naturalmente, a usufruir desta outra fonte de receita.

6. Posto tudo isto, n o diria que se tratou de "um barril de p lvora", apenas uma escolha triste e cobarde, ao cortar num meio, a OCurta, de que o contribuinte n o se apercebe, salvo se estiver informado, e dado que os governos, anterior e presente, se limitaram a ouvir os pareceres da RTP, e o que se pretendia era diminuir despesa, ter-se- preferido dar luz verde   dita suspens o, *sem mais pormenores*, e autorizado a administra o a lev -la por diante.

7. Eu j  disse que teria sido prefer vel optar por cortar noutros pontos, no seio da RTP, mas,  bviamente, essa seria op o mais melindrosa; melindrosa para a administra o, para o governo, para a empresa em si, visto que implicaria certamente, entre outras coisas, cortes salariais e redu es de pessoal. Estas  ltimas t m, de facto, ocorrido, alegadamente e segundo a administra o da empresa, mediante sa das volunt rias.

8. E os investimentos na OCurta, de que falei atr s? Curiosamente, disso, procurou-se comentar o m nimo, porque se trata de uma situa o que at  ro a o esc ndalo. Ter o sido feitos porque houve interesse de terceiros? Se houve,   muito grave. Se n o houve, n o seria de "chamar   pedra" quem os promoveu e depois os pretendeu menosprezar? N o se tratou de suspender algo que foi modernizado muito tempo antes, n o, a moderniza o no Centro Emissor de Ondas Curtas terminara poucos anos antes de 2011,  ltimo ano em que se registaram opera es em OCurta.

9. Finalmente, "a RDP nunca figurou entre as grandes emissoras internacionais (...)". Correcto; a opera o da OCurta da EN/RDP/RTP foi delineada com  nico objecto, o que servir os portugueses espalhados pelo mundo, e as emiss es em l nguas estrangeiras, enquanto as houve, (terminaram em Mar o de 1998), foram como que um mero "adere o", um pequeno extra. A filosofia foi, portanto, diferente, pelo que estabelecer um paralelismo com essas outras emissoras ditas internacionais peca por erro. Noutras palavras, creio n o exagerar se disser que a nossa OCurta era quase para uso exclusivo dos

portugueses.

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Mais haveria a acrescentar, j· n,,o no ,mbito do tema que me levou a tecer estas consideraÁies e explicaÁies, mas sim acerca de quem, na RTP, mantêm o centro de onda curta operacional e de quem seria o respons·vel tÈcnico (director), se a OCurta fosse reactivada. Muitos ficariam surpreendidos com o que, por prudÍncia, n,,o divulgarei.

"(...) J· Portugal apresenta um cen·rio completamente diferente. A RDP passou por crises consecutivas de m· gest,,o, que encareceram suas operaÁies, e numa manobra suicida de unificaÁ,,o de R·dio e Televis,,o, acabou perdendo o fio da meada e deu um tiro nos prÔprios pÈs. O governo que por sua vez no auge da crise financeira (que aconteceu em 2008), n,,o teve outra alternativa do que preferir que a m·quina p'blica finalizasse suas operaÁies, ao invÈs de ficar financiando algo cuja audiÍncia j· era 40% menor do que 10 anos antes.

Portugal deixou as Ondas Curtas por problemas exclusivamente operacionais e financeiros, j· que a RDP nunca figurou entre as grandes emissoras internacionais, mas mantinha uma audiÍncia e credibilidade de sua operaÁ,,o muito constante no r·dio internacional. Em alguns momentos, a RDPi chegou suprir financeiramente os gastos da operaÁ,,o da RDP nacional, o que demonstra claramente que a rede era um barril de pÔlvora com tempo certo para explodir." Denis Zoqbi, 03SET'14.

Bons DX e melhores 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, Sept 22, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 24959.5-USB, Sept 18 at 1404, the OSSB0B (only SSB station on band) is RA7T, Valery, with CQ 12, CQ DX, calling QRZ, quickly working US stations and at 1407 a ZS6. QRZ.com shows:

Valery N. Ermakov
Ul. Pamyati 11-24
S. Rodyki, Stavropolsky Kr. 356042
Russia

Location is between Krasnodar and Astrakhan, east of Crimea, NE of Sochi. I dared to check 12m after finding some good signals from 13m broadcasters, led by Kuwait 21540, altho nothing much on 15m hamband; and nothing at all on 10m (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Commentary on end of longwave radio in Russia ---
Hurts Dispersed [Russian] Nations, Kazan Expert Says...
<http://windowoneurasia2.blogspot.com/2014/09/window-on-eurasia-end-of-long-wave.html>

With a link to the original commentary in Russian, which is worth Google-translating. This is not, as I originally suspected, a mis-translation of "medium wave." The commentary really does refer to the Russian longwave transmitter on 252 kHz (Kim Elliott, Sept 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. ¿QUI...N DIJO QUE LA ONDA CORTA ERA COSA DEL PASADO? Jorge Isacc García Rangel - Diexismo 17 h
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DiexismoExtremo/?fref=nf>
[closed group with 1,104 members: I suppose copied from there and not written by JF Crespo himself; Note middle name, not Isaac --- gh]

¿QUI...N DIJO QUE LA ONDA CORTA ERA COSA DEL PASADO? COMIENZA LA GUERRA DE LAS ONDAS EN EL CONFLICTO ENTRE UCRANIA Y RUSIA.

Como es sabido La Voz de Rusia que el año pasado suprimió su servicio internacional de radio por onda corta, por decisión del presidente Vladimir Putin aludiendo razones de presupuesto, y apostando al internet con su Agencia de Noticias RT en varios idiomas.

Pero al recrudecerse el conflicto con su vecino Ucrania, y sabiendo que con el Internet no tuvo el alcance esperado en bastas regiones del mundo, cambiaron la decisión. La Voz de Rusia regresa al Éter el próximo mes de Octubre. Entre sus emisiones, programas en idiomas español y portugués.

La Voz de Rusia tiene prevista su vuelta a la onda corta tras reservar de nuevo un buen número de frecuencias. Según el esquema que hará efectivo a partir del 1 de octubre, emitir en nuestro idioma de 0000 a 0200 UT por 12060 kHz, con una potencia de 500 kilovatios, desde el centro emisor de Armavir, y de 2200 a 0000 UT por los 7240 kHz, con 500 kilovatios de potencia, desde la propia capital Moscú. En todo caso, estas frecuencias estarán activas hasta el 26 de octubre.

LA RESPUESTA DE UCRANIA NO SE HIZO ESPERAR.

Por tal motivo, y en una sorpresiva noticia, nos enteramos de que Radio Ucrania Internacional, regresa de nuevo a la onda corta. No lo hace con transmisores propios, ya que prácticamente por razones económicas fueron desmontados. Lo harán a través de la estación de onda corta de WRMI en Okeechobee, Florida. Estados Unidos.

Dichas emisiones que serán en idioma inglés hacia Norteamérica, comenzando este jueves 25 de Septiembre en la frecuencia de 11580 kHz, entre las 2330 y 0000 UT. Esta transmisión estará dirigida principalmente al este de América del Norte, aunque es probable que sea audible en Europa también.

"Estamos muy contentos de poder ofrecer este servicio a los oyentes de onda corta en un momento en que gran parte de la atención del mundo está en la situación en Ucrania", dijo Jeff White, Gerente WRMI. Las transmisiones continuarán al menos hasta finales de 2014. Informes de escucha y comentarios son bienvenidos en info@wrmi.net.

Lo cierto es que la guerra de propaganda entre Rusia y Ucrania comienza ahora a través de las ondas de Radio, y hay que estar presentes para escuchar las dos emisoras, y sacar nuestras propias conclusiones de este conflicto (via Juan Franco Crespo, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Moscow ----- Orthodox radio "Radonezh" expands its broadcasting. Now you can listen to the radio by connecting the package "Tricolor TV". On 18 September 2014 goal Orthodox radio "Radonezh" You can listen to the clock in radiopakete Russia's largest satellite TV operator "Tricolor TV", according to the Synodal Information Department.

"Tricolor TV" - Russia's largest satellite TV operator, carrying out since December 2005 digital broadcasting package of television channels in the European part of the Russian Federation, as well as the Siberian, Ural and Far East of the country.

In the ranking of the largest satellite TV operators in the world "Tricolor TV" is in second place in terms of subscribers. Viewership operator - over 40 million. Persons, and therefore "Tricolor TV" looks just about every fourth resident of the country. "Tricolor TV" - the leader of the Russian pay-TV market (37.4% of subscribers), and in the satellite segment of the operator's share is 83%.

In addition to the basic service broadcasting "Tricolor TV" offers subscribers a satellite "Radiopaket" of Top 33 Russian radio stations. Now among them and radio "Radonezh".

Orthodox radio station "Radonezh" went on the air in the days of Easter 1991 with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Alexy II and became the first independent radio station of modern Russia ("Echo of Moscow" aired six months later). Since then Radio "Radonezh" was perhaps the most effective and popular Orthodox mass media and the voice of the Russian Orthodox Church, both in Russia and abroad.

Radio "Radonezh" is broadcast around the clock in Moscow in the wake of VHF / FM 72,92 MHz, as well as on the medium wave AM 612 kHz for four hours a day from 19.00 to 23.00. Three hours a day "Radonezh" broadcasts in St. Petersburg - 684 kHz, Ryazan-73.13 MHz, Orel - 68.15 MHz, Yaroslavl - 72.26 MHz, as well as two o'clock in Vladivostok on

medium wave 675 kHz. Potential audience of radio "Radonezh" is about 20 million listeners

Students around the world have access to radio programs "Radonezh" via Internet broadcast, which has gained immense popularity among our countrymen in distant foreign countries. "Radonezh" listen in 138 countries around the world. Text version of the software is constantly updated on the page radio "Radonezh" on the Internet.

Radio program "Radonezh" include talks, lectures, discussions, open air, with the hierarchy of the meeting, with the leading representatives of the clergy, church and civil science, public figures, news, sermons, music programs, literary composition, and more. rusk.ru (OnAir.ru via RusDX Sept 21 via DXLD) Once on SW (gh)

** RUSSIA [non]. Frequency change of Radio Liberty in Russian:
0300-0400 6105 LAM 100 kW / 055 deg EEu, ex 9635 // 7435 BIB 17770 PHT
0400-0500 9635 LAM 100 kW / 055 deg EEu unchanged //7435 BIB 11850 LAM
0500-0700 9635 LAM 100 kW / 055 deg EEu unchanged //11850 LAM 17770KWT

Frequency change of Radio Liberty in Avari/Chechen/Chercassian
0300-0400 NF 7290 LAM 100 kW / 092 deg to CeAs, ex 11850 from Sept.
15 // 9740 BIB (DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov.
Sept. 23, 2014, via DXLD)

** SARAWAK [non]. 5965a Klasik Nasional, 6050 Asyik FM, 9835 Sarawak FM, 11665 Wai FM (all via RTM-Kajang) 1253-1305+ 16 Sept. All running a special Malaysia Day broadcast with speeches, enthusiastic crowd noises (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also MALAYSIA

** SARAWAK [non]. CLANDESTINE, 15420, R. Free Sarawak via Taiwan [sic], Sep 23 1210-1230*, 33443-35443, Iban, Talk, ID at 1227, Jamming has stopped at 1229, 1230 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. Ampegon will supply four new 500 kW transmitters as well as new antennas for BSKSA. Article in
Radio World: Saudi Broadcast Corp. Chooses Ampegon
<http://www.radioworld.com/article/saudi-broadcast-corp-chooses-ampegon/272479>

Guess there are still a few broadcasters that see a future for SW. And with frequent complaints about modulation quality on the current BSKSA units, a much needed upgrade (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? Yet they claim the old ones are still working perfectly! Above

story is just a rewrite of the item in DXLD 14-38, which tho
unattributed appeared to be just a PR release from Ampegon (gh, DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, SIBC, Sep 18 0805-0817, 35433, Pidgin, News,
ID at 0806 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-
515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

5020, Sept 19 until 1200*, SIBC carrier cuts off just as I tune in
within a couple seconds of 1200 sharp, just after MICRONESIA [q.v.]
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020.000, S=9+15dB -56dBm visible / heard on remote Perseus Net radio
in Sydney, at 0955 UT on Sept 20. ID at 10 UT, adverts on Malaysian
[sic] flavour show locally (Wolfgang B_schel, heard on remote Perseus
Net radio in Sydney, Australia, BC-DX TopNews Sept 20 via DXLD)

5020, Sept 20 at 1156, SIBC very poor with some `island music`. After
timing the MICRONESIA [q.v.] cutoff I hurry back here and catch 5020
itself cutting off at 1159:53.5* compared to WWV (Glenn Hauser, OK,
WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 7285, Sept 20 at 0502, dead air, surely Radio Sonder
Grense; yes, modulation cuts on joining Afrikaans news in progress at
0503. Fair signal but window for this from *0500 is shortening with
earlier sunrises at their end, while it remains nightmiddle here
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 15255, Channel Africa, Sep 19 0629-0640, 25332,
English, Theme music at 0630, News (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-
R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT,
130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15255, Channel Africa:

Sep 22 0602-0608, 25332, English, News, Theme music at 0605.

Sep 23 0623-0632, 25332, English, Talk and news, Theme music at 0630
(Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-
345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. South African Radio League on Sunday, Sept. 21:
0800-0900 on 17660 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg to EaAf English. Video
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/09/south-african-radio-league-on-sunday.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23,
2014, via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. USA(non) Additional transmission of Brother

Stair via SPL [Spaceline, BULGARIA] was noted on Sept. 20:
1900-2100 5900 SOF 050 kW / 306 deg WeEu, please check before 1900.

Videos

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/09/additional-transmission-of-brother.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Additional frequency of Brother Stair via SPL was noted on Sept. 23:
1800-1900 9400 SOF 050 kW / 306 deg WeEu, please check 1600-1800 //
5900. Video:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/09/additional-frequency-of-brother-stair.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

** SPAIN. Juan Franco Crespo forwards a note from CE3BBC in Chile, that according to the upcoming Sept 21 edition of REE's Amigos de la Onda Corta, podcast of which is already available, they will be staying on SW a while longer.

<http://www.rtve.es/alacarta/audios/amigos-de-la-onda-corta/amigos-onda-corta-35-anos-asociacion-dx-barcelona-21-09-14/2767938/>

``En Amigos de la Onda Corta, del próximo 21, se informa que el sistema HF continua por el momento para REE. Para detalles paso el enlace. La partida de la onda corta es inminente pero no para este período 2014 al parecer.``

I listened to the first few minutes in which Antonio Buitrago talks vaguely about this without mentioning any specific dates. He does say a new schedule [for B-14?] shows his program reduced to only one broadcast, UT Sundays at 0005-0100, so from that he apparently concludes that SW will be continuing, altho abolishing HF at some point is still a definite management decision.

Did anyone hear the English mailbag Friday Sept 19? Podcast for the 18 Sept broadcast is not yet up.

<http://www.rtve.es/alacarta/audios/emision-en-ingles/>

And in fact by Sept 20, the latest one is dated Sept 17

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Then JosÉ Bueno forwarded a new program grid effective 1 October 2014. It's color-coded without explanation; mostly in white, but a lot of blox in blue, green or red. Blue appears to mean straight relay of Radio Nacional ñ i.e. program 1. Green and red presumably refer to some other domestic networks. But what about a couple of program titles in the white blox which are printed in red instead of black?

NOTE: this schedule does NOT say it is for shortwave! I think people inside and outside REE may be victims of wishful thinking about SW being prolonged after Sept 30. The only program with ``Onda Corta`` in

its title, Antonio Buitrago's, is being renamed to remove that: ``Amigos de Radio Exterior``. (Unfortunately, this is overdue, since for a long time the show has had very little to do with SW, but instead a well-done general media magazine. Even the ``noticias DX`` segment was not really about DXing, i.e. picking up stations with times and frequencies!)

It looks as if REE *web* programming will be squished into one 24-hour service, no longer any alternatives for different targets or languages. The foreign languages are all crammed into the overnight hours in Spain, 12-5 am Tue-Sat = 22-03 UT (still during DST in October).

There is no need to take SW propagation factors into account either, since there won't be any. Scheduling is OK for the Americas in English, French and Portuguese, but not so handy for Russia and most of the Arab world, after midnite there!

Not so OK is the reduxion of English and others to only half an hour each, and no longer any on weekends, but with two airings, starting on UT M-F, presumably the second being repeats on UT Tue-Sat:

Arabic:	2200 & 0030
English:	2230 & 0100
French:	2300 & 0130
Russian:	2330 & 0200
Portuguese:	0000 & 0230

There are still regional magazines in Spanish, but they too are one-after-another without any consideration of local time, M-F: 1530 Am rica Hoy, 1600  frica Hoy, 1630 Asia Hoy.

At least some familiar titles in Spanish remain somewhere on the schedule, altho critics have complained that shows have been dumbed-down, no longer what they once were. Desde el Infierno, Heliotropo, Mundo Solidario, Espa oles en el Exterior, Espa oles el la Mar, Planeta Vivo, Traves as, etc.

Also still there is ``Vida Verde``, Thu 03-04 UT, which we know is really in Catalan. The only minority language mentioned is Sefard , in the same block M-F 0515-0600 UT as ``El Sonido y la Furia/La Linterna M gica``, so does that mean those shows will be entirely Ladino, or parts of them, or Sefard  distinct from them with the content inside this block not specified? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, I think you are right. Everything I've heard on REE English points to a continued presence on the Internet and satellite, but all

SW will be gone. I could possibly see SW being extended to the end of A-14 but not beyond. Perhaps tonight's Listener's Club program will have more info (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Parece que el cierre de la Onda Corta de REE estaba previsto para el 1 de octubre 2014; despu s se pospone hasta el 15 de octubre. Ya veremos si se vuelve a aplazar. De momento aqu  est  la parrilla de programaci n del 1 al 15 de octubre 2014
http://programasdx.com/principal_archivos/ree_programacionb14.pdf
Saludos (Jos  Bueno, condiglista yg via DXLD)

De todas maneras, pienso que las autoridades REE deber an dar una noticia clara y definitiva, oficial al fin y al cabo, al respecto, anunciando sus planes, y no (s lo) por versi n de un productor del programa sobre comunicaciones. Que el 1 , despu s el 15, ahora que contin an por un tiempo (Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky, Montevideo, Uruguay, ibid.)

No tengo la confirmaci n definitiva de cierre para el 15 de octubre, pero fuentes relacionadas con REE me comentaron que es posible sea esta fecha. I have no definite confirmation of close on 15 October, but related REE sources told me that this date may be. 73jb (Jos  Bueno, Sept 20 dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Lo que parece es que la programaci n se reduce mucho y, adem s, mucha de ella es de Radio Nacional --- vamos, que sea cuando sea, est  claro que la producci n se ver  muy mermada.

Lo inexplicable del asunto es que REE/RNE/RTVE no sean claros y expliquen qu  va a pasar; o s n tan ineptos que  n como en tantas otras cosas - nos mienten y se inventan una palabra para el cierre ya anunciado (sin fecha) por Antonio Buitrago?

Cuando las emisoras internacionales famosas cerraron, lo dijeron claro clarito; la fecha y a qu  se deb a, pero esto se andan mareando la perdiz y mencionar un iplan  no tiene ni pies ni cabeza. Si tienen un plan,  porqu  no nos dicen qu  va a pasar con exactitud? Un saludo (Pedro Sedano, Madrid, Espa a, COORDINADOR GENERAL, coordinador@aer-dx.es AER, Sept 20, notiicas dx yg via DXLD)

21640, Sept 20 at 1258, REE mesmerizing 9-note interval signal is playing --- enjoy it while we can as there will be no need for it come October when REE is demoted to a webcaster only; NOT // equally poor signals on 21610 and even poorer 21515 which are wrapping up a program. At 1300, 21640 joins in with newscast.

21610 & 21640, Sept 21 at 1403, REE with live-sounding event coverage

in Castilian, music bits, so not a silly ballgame? But the two are *not* //, poor signals so I can't make out a delay between them either. Why wouldn't two transmitters next to each other at doomed Noblejas not be synchronized? Could be totally different but similar programs. Or separate playouts of same show for different targets (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. Global PR battle has begun to save REE --- Hi Glenn, You probably have seen this already but I can sum it up for you --

Comisiones Obreras (CCOO), one of two of Spain's largest unions, has embarked on an international campaign to save Radio Exterior España (REE). It has sent out an eight-page statement to diplomats, embassies, cultural centers, media, Cervantes Institutes and other entities around the world explaining the need to keep REE on the shortwave bands. Among the arguments, the CCOO says four to 10 million listeners around the world currently listen to REE and cites the high quality reception scores Spain's international station receives from listeners in Argentina, India, Malaysia and Japan. The union also states that Spanish fishermen, aid workers, and military personnel in remote areas traditionally rely on REE broadcasts when they are abroad.

REE also contributes in promoting Spanish culture and the government's "Made in Spain" foreign trade campaign while keeping millions of Spanish immigrants informed about what is happening in their home country, according to the statement.

Of the close to 1,000 letters and emails REE received between May and June of 2011, 83 percent said they listened to its transmissions on shortwave and 62 percent of all listeners (shortwave, satellite, internet, etc) came from the Americas, the CCOO said.

The document also uses quotes from different politicians, including Ana Mato, who is now Public Works minister, who said in Congress when she was parliamentary whip that REE is the "only service" of the public broadcaster that should be saved and supported.

CCOO also criticized the government's decision to closed down the sprawling Noblejas transmitting site outside of Madrid, saying that it is "a strategic site" that is not worth sacrificing for some 1.2 million euros (about 1.54 million US dollars) in savings. It also cites China's long partnership with REE in using the Noblejas relays.

The full pdf document, can be found here:

http://www.fsc.ccoo.es/comunes/recursos/17554/1902280-Informr_de_CCOO-CRTVE_sobre_el_Centro_emisor_de_Noblejas_la_Onda_corta_y_el_valor_estrateg.pdf
73, (Marty Delfin (Madrid), Sept 23, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

Hola, Èsta es la respuesta de la defensora del oyente [ombudsman] de RNE ante la queja que le mandÈ del cese de emisiones por OC de REE y la desinformaciÙn que habÌa:

``Buenos dÌas Don Pedro, Le remito la respuesta, "literal", que nos ha dado el responsable del ðrea, a su pregunta ---

"No tenemos constancia de que se haya publicado en ningùn medio de comunicaciÙn. Pero las emisiones en Onda Corta se van a suspender prÙximamente porque es una tecnologÌa obsoleta, que donde se recibe lo hace con mala calidad e inaudible, porque estùn desapareciendo sus usuarios, las empresas que construÌan los receptores lo han dejado de hacerlos y estùn descatalogadas este tipo de radios, y porque el mantenimiento de estas emisiones supone un alto costo econÙmico inasumible con la situaciÙn econÙmica de la CorporaciÙn RTVE. No se ha comunicado nada oficialmente porque a dÌa de hoy no hay fecha, pero cuando se determine habrÙ una campaÒa de informaciÙn para avisar a los usuarios de las alternativas que les van a permitir seguir recibiendo Radio Exterior de EspaÒa".

Esperamos haberle respondido satisfactoriamente. Un abrazo y buen dÌa``

Poca o ninguna verg,enza tiene el que ha escrito esta respuesta; ya que ha salido en bastantes medios de comunicaciÙn, ademÙs hasta hace unos dÌas, estaban ampliando y adecuando los centros emisores. Un saludo (Pedro Sedano, Madrid, EspaÒa, COORDINADOR GENERAL, AER, ibid.)

CC00 ha preparado un INFORME con argumentos sÙlidos sobre el Centro emisor de Noblejas, la Onda corta y el valor estratÈgico para CRTVE.

AER Pedro Sedano Mensaje 1 de 6, 23 sep 10:11

CC00. 22 septiembre 2014

El INFORME ha sido entregado al Consejo de CRTVE y enviado a travÈs de la estructura de CC00 en el Servicio Exterior de EspaÒa a mÙs de 600 Unidades Administrativas en todo el mundo: Consejo de Residentes de la DemaraciÙn Cincular, ConsejerÌas Sectoriales, OTCes, Centros Culturales, Institutos Cervantes, Oficinas Comerciales, ICEX, Oficinas de Turismo, entes culturales, etc. AsÌ mismo este INFORME ha sido enviado a todos los grupos Parlamentarios y medios de comunicaciÙn.

Este es el riguroso informe que la SecciÙn Sindical de CC00 en la CRTVE ha elaborado y que puedes leer o descargar aquÌ [as above]
(Pedro Sedano, Madrid, EspaÒa, COORDINADOR GENERAL, AER

<http://aer-dx.es/> ibid.)

Interesante documento, Pedro, que nos haz compartido. Espero que las gestiones y reuniones planificadas den luz verde a nuestro medio de comunicaci n, el que nos mantiene al d a con Espa a y el mundo. Atte. (ce3BBC, Hugo L pez C., Santiago de Chile, ibid.)

Llamar director al que lleva ese t tulo en Radio Exterior de Espa a es un atrevimiento. Director es el que dirige y por lo que sabemos nada m s lejos de la realidad. Lleva la batuta, lo han nombrado director, el que tiene el carnet de..., el que es familiar de... el  nico que quiso aceptar una aventura a lo desconocido... o varias de estas cosas a la vez.

Ni dirige ni sabe dirigir.

Si quiere cerrar la onda corta. La cierra. Que para eso parece que ha llegado. Pero mandar a decir que es que ya no se fabrican receptores de onda corta est  a la misma altura de las tonter as a los que nos tienen acostumbrados nuestros pol ticos, contertulios y far ndula medi tica circense que est n acostumbrando al personal a ver espejismos y reducir nuestra capacidad de asombro.

Mandar a decir que en el extranjero es que no se escucha bien la onda corta, precisamente ahora que no hay competencia en los canales de onda corta es otra SOLEMNE TONTER A.

Contestar eso por escrito es lo que llaman en M xico cosas de TONTOS CON IDEAS. Lo peor de lo peor.

Quieren ahorrar. Eso s . Pero no saben ni como.

Las trece personas que all  trabajan no estar n. Mira que ahorro. No las van a despedir, no las van a jubilar, los van a trasladar dicen. Luego ahorro ninguno.  Cree alguien que a donde vayan hacen m s falta que donde est n ahora?

 Y Noblejas? Van hacer igual que en Pals, donde la instalaci n fue saqueada y se ofrecen piezas de la misma en el libre mercado y no pasa nada.

Tiene el llamado director idea de como se cierra una emisora?

No le da por ejemplo verg enza el esquema de programaci n de las emisiones en  rabe y ruso en unas horas incomprensibles. Es menester hacer reir a la comunidad de diexista internacional de esa manera.  Marca Espa a quiz s?

No conozco el curriculum del llamado director de Radio Exterior de España. Pero me pregunto si ha sintonizado en su vida un receptor de onda corta. Si ha vivido o viajado en el extranjero y ha tenido el interés de escuchar REE. Yo creo que no. Pero alguien debería de asesorarle para cerrar dignamente una emisora y pensar --- que piensa hacer con el centro, si lo van a dejar abierto para que los ladrones no rompan las puertas y se lleven las válvulas y los que les de la gana, como en Pals.

Yo no soy nadie para decirle que mire lo que ha hecho Austria por ejemplo. Tampoco para decirle que es el canal de RNE que más oyentes tiene según dicen y Él debe saber.

Que la comunidad hispana en el mundo es lo suficientemente grande como para ofrecer un servicio en onda corta que sea rentable desde el punto de vista político, cultural, económico, etc.; no parece quitarles el sueño.

La programación la ha dejado en mínimos también.

Pasar como en Canal 9 de Valencia. No hay ni radio ni televisión. Eso sí, todos están cobrando en sus casas sin hacer nada, la señal de televisión se sigue emitiendo. Y era para ahorrar. No lo pueden hacer peor. No supieron ni cerrar la RTVV. Para cuando esto llegue a su fin, alguien pondrá en marcha de nuevo otro Canal 9 y los responsables no se les pasará factura alguna.

Si la incompetencia fuera pecado en el infierno hablarían español (Vicent Martí, Sept 24, ibid.)

Hola, Pues ese nuevo director sí sabe lo que es la OC; ha sido incluso director de uno de sus programas más famosos, además de otros puestos de responsabilidad en REE.

Como dices, si quieren cerrarla, que la cierren y punto, pero que nos ofendan con tonterías; es que ya está bien de que nos traten de tontos.

La parrilla nueva es un absurdo, como lo es su director; mira que insertar los idiomas todos a la misma hora, sin importar en qué uso horario está la gente a la que va dirigido ¿en fin!

El informe está bien, pero quizá le falte dar más caña y hablar de los desatinos y despilfarros en los que lleva REE, RNE y RTVE desde hace años y --- lo que es peor, sin una cabeza pensante desde hace tanto tiempo. Un saludo (Pedro Sedano, Madrid, España, COORDINADOR GENERAL, AER, ibid.)

La verdad es que todo va muy deprisa; hoy deb a haber una reuni n de la CRTVE en la que se decidiese la fecha del cierre que en un principio se fij  el 1 de octubre, pero que luego retrasaron al 15 de octubre. La realidad es que hay problemas, no s lo por lo absurdo del motivo de la decisi n, sino porque RNE firm  acuerdos con China para la difusi n bilateral de sus programas; ya me imagino funcionando Noblejas s lo para emitir los programas de los chinos, con buena parte de la plantilla. En fin, el nuevo director de REE muestra su desconocimiento (o nos quiere eng ar), para empezar con una programaci n que no tienen pies ni cabeza, a no ser que pretendan que sea el paso para su total desmantelamiento.

En todo caso, veremos qu  dicen cuando se tome la decisi n y que, seg n la contestaci n de la defensora del oyente. Un saludo (Pedro Sedano, Madrid, Espa a, ibid.)

Muy interesante documento el de CC00; ojal  sirva para que Radio Exterior de Espa a no abandone la onda corta, pues ser a una p rdida irreparable, un caso es que reduzca la emisiones y otro muy distinto el dejar definitivamente la onda corta.

Pero una reflexi n, leyendo el documento en uno de sus apartados dice el cierre de la emisora causa graves perjuicios "A las personas de avanzada edad a quienes el desconocimiento de las nuevas tecnolog as les dejan sin ning n otro tipo de contacto con el exterior les posibilita estar informadas."

Pero es que hoy en d a, para poder adquirir un receptor de onda corta, necesitas depender y mucho de las nuevas tecnolog as, pues tienes que comprarlo en tiendas especializadas, que es en los  nicos sitios que los venden, especialmente en Hong Kong, hacerlo v a internet y pagar a trav s de Pay Pal, y eso no est  al alcance de todos. Es una triste realidad que uno va hoy a tiendas de electr nica, e hipermercados, por ejemplo, Media Mark, Carrefour, etc., y es imposible encontrar un receptor de onda corta.

Tienes miles de tablets, smartphones, smart TV, etc., pero ni una sola radio de onda corta. Pr cticamente todas las grandes marcas han dejado de fabricar estos receptores, y s lo unas cuantas marcas chinas especializadas los hacen y para p blico muy concreto, los  ltimos aficionados que quedamos a la onda corta. El gran p blico, no puede acceder hoy a la onda corta, porque aunque quisiera, no hay receptores a la venta.

En fin, esa es mi opini n, es un circulo vicioso sin salida, no hay receptores, porque hay pocos compradores, evidentemente, las grandes marcas no los fabrican porque no son rentables, las emisoras saben esto y dejan la onda corta.

Yo a veces, escucho el servicio en español de La Voz de Indonesia, en 9526 kHz, y me pregunto ¿cuántas personas estarán escuchando en España ahora esta emisora, estará yo sólo?, y posiblemente, muchas veces no haya muchos más oyentes, ¿le compensa a esta emisora esta transmisión?.

Como dije, es mi opinión; me encantaría que la onda corta no muriese nunca, que las bandas se llenasen otra vez de emisoras, especialmente las bandas tropicales, pero eso no va a suceder y lentamente, pero de forma irremediable, en unos pocos años, las bandas de radiodifusión de onda corta quedarán completamente desiertas. Un saludo a todos (Manuel Mendez, España, ibid.)

ECHENIQUE SUSPENDE LA REUNIÓN DE L CONSEJO DE RTVE EN QUE SE ACORDARÍA EL PLAN DE AJUSTES prnoticias 22/09/14 13:25
<http://www.prnoticias.com/index.php/television/185-tve-/20134065-echenique-suspende-la-reunion-del-consejo-de-rtve-en-que-sea-acordaria-el-plan-de-ajustes>

Leopoldo González Echenique ha suspendido a última hora la reunión que tenía prevista la mañana de hoy con los consejeros de CRTVE. El objetivo era cerrar los flecos del Plan de Ajuste presentado antes del verano y que, entre otras, incluía la decisión de cerrar el canal Teledeporte. Echenique ha explicado a los consejeros que prefería preparar su comparecencia de mañana en la Comisión de Control Parlamentario en el Congreso de los Diputados. No obstante, el plan que además ha generado dos movilizaciones durante la jornada de hoy - sigue adelante.

Los sindicatos de CRTVE han convocado dos movilizaciones durante la jornada de hoy. La primera a las 11.30 con una concentración en el hall de Prado del Rey, para luego dar paso a dos paros de 12 a 14 horas y de 18 a 20 horas - que buscan poner el foco en sus demandas: la defensa de su estructura y de su plantilla y por una financiación adecuada y suficiente para poder ofrecer un servicio público de calidad. Unas demandas que se acrecientan después de conocerse el probable cierre de Teledeporte y el fin de las emisiones de Radio Exterior en onda corta.

Precisamente las movilizaciones habían sido convocadas hoy porque coincidían con la reunión de Leopoldo González Echenique con el Consejo de CRTVE que en principio trataría estos nuevos recortes y darían vía libre al Plan de Eficiencia que se deberá incluir en los Presupuestos Generales del Estado que Moncloa presentará en las próximas semanas.

No obstante, Echenique ha suspendido la reunión programada para las 10.00 horas de esta mañana la que en principio se traslada para el

miércoles o jueves de la próxima semana. Para los sindicatos esta suspensión es un claro triunfo de las movilizaciones, aunque Echenique indicara que prefería preparar su comparecencia en la Comisión de Control Parlamentario en el Congreso de los Diputados. Según el orden del día del Congreso. Echenique hablará mañana de planes de futuro, Teledeporte, recortes y Radio Exterior.

Por su parte, Comisiones Obreras ha entregado a los miembros del Consejo un informe en el que piden que se replantee el cierre del centro emisor de Noblejas que significa el fin de las emisiones de Radio Exterior en onda corta (via Pedro Sedano, Madrid, España, COORDINADOR GENERAL, AER, Sept 23, ibid.)

ECHENIQUE HACE LA ÚLTIMA LLAMADA DE AUXILIO AL GOBIERNO ANTES DE LA PRESENTACIÓN DE LOS PRESUPUESTOS --- PRNOTICIAS
<http://www.prnoticias.com/index.php/television/185-tve-/20134107-echenique->

Carmen Tejón 23/09/14 12:34

Tras un pequeño respiro con el parón veraniego, el curso ha comenzado con máxima tensión para RTVE. La Corporación se encuentra en una situación límite y a las puertas de la aprobación de un Plan de Eficiencia que junto a la inyección de 130 millones de euros de la SEPI no serán suficientes para equilibrar las cuentas y garantizar su sostenibilidad en el futuro. El presidente de CRTVE, Leopoldo González-Echenique, ha lanzado una última llamada de 'auxilio' al Gobierno y le ha solicitado un esfuerzo presupuestario y un aumento de su dotación en los Presupuestos Generales del Estado de 2015, cuyo anteproyecto de Ley será presentado el próximo viernes.

La cuenta de septiembre está siendo más dura de lo habitual para RTVE, al igual que la primera comparecencia del curso de Leopoldo González-Echenique en el Congreso de los Diputados. El máximo responsable de la Corporación ha vuelto a solicitar al Gobierno que estudie un esfuerzo presupuestario que dote de estabilidad a RTVE y quede reflejado en los próximos Presupuestos Generales del Estado de 2015 cuyo anteproyecto se presentará el próximo viernes. Una llamada de socorro a un aumento de su dotación que se suma a la inyección de 130 millones de euros aprobada por la SEPI y que tiene como objetivo compensar el déficit de ejercicios anteriores.

Sin embargo, esta aportación extra aprobada antes del verano y la reducción del 20% de sus gastos desde la llegada de Echenique y la aprobación del II Convenio Colectivo con recortes incluido no son suficientes para garantizar la estabilidad económica de RTVE en el futuro. Por ello está sobre la mesa un Plan de Eficiencia que tendría que haber sido presentado ayer en una reunión ante el Consejo de Administración. El presidente de RTVE decidió en el último momento

retrasar ese encuentro al próximo jueves.

Echenique no ha querido confirmar formalmente ninguna de las decisiones que conforman ese Plan de Eficiencia y entre las que se encuentra el cierre de Teledeporte o el fin de las emisiones de Radio Exterior en onda corta. El presidente de RTVE ha apuntado que nunca se habló de cerrar Teledeporte sino de integrarla en un canal que le dé más visibilidad y de mantener una ventana abierta. En la práctica es cerrar el canal e integrar sus contenidos en La 2, La 1 y un canal en streaming.

Echenique siempre ha reclamado desde su llegada la necesidad de realizar cambios dentro del modelo de financiación de RTVE aprobado por el Ejecutivo de José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero y ha alegado en reiteradas ocasiones la imposibilidad de mejorar sus ingresos en el nuevo modelo de televisión pública sin publicidad. El Gobierno ha ido reduciendo su aportación a la Corporación en los últimos años en línea con los recortes llevados a cabo en la administración pública y como consecuencia de la crisis económica que ha vivido España. La aportación del Estado pasó de cerca de 550 millones de euros en 2011 a los menos de 300 actuales. En 2014 fue el primer ejercicio que el Gobierno no disminuyó, pero sí congeló, esta partida.

En unos momentos en los que el país parece ir atisbando una pequeña mejora, la crisis más aguda se sitúa sobre RTVE y de ahí la última llamada de auxilio de Echenique en el Congreso. Sin embargo, y tras la aportación extra de 130 millones de euros, el Gobierno no parece muy por la labor de aumentar su aportación para 2015.
(via Pedro Sedano, Madrid, España, ibid.)

ECHENIQUE ABANDONA DEFINITIVAMENTE RTVE TRAS LA NEGATIVA DE MONCLOA DE AUMENTAR LA DOTACIÓN AL ENTE

Leopoldo González Echenique finalmente ha tirado la toalla. Este jueves se hará oficial su dimisión tras más de dos años al frente de la Corporación de televisión pública. Un periodo de sinsabores marcados por la falta de presupuestos y el recorte de costes. Precisamente su renuncia se ha precipitado porque Moncloa se negó a seguir aumentando los presupuestos para el Ente y ha puesto en duda la entrega de los 130 millones de euros comprometidos antes del verano.

Leopoldo González Echenique anunció su dimisión en el Consejo de Administración del Ente que se desarrolló durante la jornada de mañana.

Las razones de Echenique son simples: no hay dinero y si no hay dinero es imposible mantener el liderazgo. Hasta último minuto -la última ayer por la tarde en el propio Congreso de los Diputados- Echenique

pidi  a Moncloa que aumentara la dotaci n a RTVE, aunque sin  xito.

Echenique tambi n recurri  durante los  ltimos d as a Soraya S enz de Santamar a, hasta ahora su valedora, quien tambi n le indic  oficialmente que no hab a m s dinero para la televisi n p blica. Las cosas no pintaban bien desde que este lunes el propio Echenique suspendiera la reuni n del Consejo de Administraci n, en que se aprobar a el nuevo plan de recortes, que entre otras cosas inclu a el cierre de Teledeporte. Ahora con la salida del actual Presdidente de la Corporaci n estos recortes tambi n quedan en el aire.

Incluso no se descarta que ma ana se produzca adem s una dimisi n en bloque del Consejo de Administraci n, que en su mayor parte apoya las tesis de Echenique ya que muchos de ellos -con el mandato cumplido- no se sienten c modos gobernando una Corporaci n que se aproxima peligrosamente a la quiebra.

Despu s de que se haga efectiva la dimisi n de Echenique, el Gobierno deber  elegir un nombre para sustituirle y posteriormente convocar un pleno en el Congreso para ratificarle. En este caso y con mayor a absoluta del PP, Moncloa no tendr  d f cil imponer su candidato, aunque si es que renuncia alg n otro miembro del Consejo deber  consensuar candidatos con la oposici n.

Leer m s: Echenique abandona definitivamente RTVE tras la negativa de Moncloa de aumentar la dotaci n al Ente
<http://www.prnoticias.com/index.php/television/185-tve-/20134150-echenique-abandona-oficialmente-rtve-tras-la-negativa-de-moncloa-de-aumentar-la-dotacion-para-el-ente#Red1jxy30q3sbrgR>
(via Pedro Sedano, Madrid, Espa a, Sept 24, noticias dx yg via DXLD)

Mas para agregar a la confusa situaci n...
http://www.eldiario.es/clm/RTVE-Noblejas-Radio-Exterior-Espana_0_306219625.html
(Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky, Montevideo, Sept 23, condiglista yg via DXLD)

No es confusi n; la decisi n estaba tomada, pero debido concreta el c mo y cu ndo, pata eso era la reuni n de ayer, suspendida,

Los sindicatos est n moviliz ndose, pero este Gobierno suele ser insensible y s lo piensa en los recortes. Un saludo
(Enviado desde mi iPad2, Pedro Sedano, Madrid, Espa a, ibid.)

** SPAIN [and non]. Last chance to log Spain on SWBC --- Radio Exterior de Espa a has announced that they will cease SW broadcasts on October 1st. Below is a complete schedule snarfed from Aoki.

6055 2300-2400 Fre Noblejas 1-7
6125 0200-0600 Spa Noblejas 1-7
6155 2300-2400 Fre Noblejas 17
7275 1600-2155 Spa Noblejas 1
7275 1700-2155 Spa Noblejas 7
9535 2300-0600 Spa Noblejas 1-7
9570 1900-2000 Fre Noblejas 23456
9570 1900-2100 Ara Noblejas 23456
9570 2000-2200 Ara Noblejas 17
9570 2200-2257 Spa Noblejas 1-7
9620 2300-0500 Spa Noblejas 1-7
9650 0415-0445 Sef Noblejas 3
9660 2100-2200 Eng Noblejas 17
9665 1800-1900 Fre Noblejas 23456
9665 1900-2000 Eng Noblejas 23456
9685 2000-2100 Fre Noblejas 23456
9780 0500-0900 DRM Spa Noblejas 1-7
11615 1900-2000 Eng Noblejas 23456
11615 2000-2100 Fre Noblejas 23456
11795 0115-0145 Sef Noblejas 3
11910 1200-1357 Spa Beijing 1-7
12015 1900-2000 Fre Noblejas 1
13720 1100-1300 DRM Spa Noblejas 1-7
15160 2300-0200 Spa Noblejas 1-7
15325 1700-1730 Rus Noblejas 23456
15385 1425-1455 Sef Noblejas 2
15385 1500-1700 Spa Noblejas 2-7
15385 1900-2000 Por Noblejas 23456
15585 1400-1555 Spa Noblejas 1
15585 1400-1655 Spa Noblejas 7
15585 0900-1055 DRM Spa Noblejas 1-7
17595 2100-2200 Por Noblejas 23456
17715 1200-1800 Spa Noblejas 23456
17715 1400-2200 Spa Noblejas 17
17755 1400-2200 Spa Noblejas 7
17755 1700-1900 Spa Noblejas 23456
17755 1700-2200 Spa Noblejas 1
17850 1700-2300 Spa Noblejas 17
17850 1900-2200 Spa Noblejas 23456
21515 1100-1400 Spa Noblejas 7
21515 1100-1500 Spa Noblejas 23456
21515 1100-1700 Spa Noblejas 1
21610 1100-1700 Spa Noblejas 1-7
21610 1700-1900 Ara Noblejas 1-7
21640 1300-1600 Spa Noblejas 23456
21640 1300-1700 Spa Noblejas 17
(via Harold Frodge, Sept 24, DXLD)

Radio Exterior de España REE will stop broadcasting on shortwave effective from October 15. Current summer A-14 shortwave schedule:

0000-0100	on	6055	NOB	250	kW	/	290	deg	to	NoAm	English
0000-0100	on	9535	NOB	250	kW	/	272	deg	to	CeAm	Spanish
0000-0100	on	9620	NOB	250	kW	/	230	deg	to	SoAm	Spanish
0000-0100	on	15160	NOB	250	kW	/	242	deg	to	CSAm	Spanish
0100-0200	on	9535	NOB	250	kW	/	272	deg	to	CeAm	Spanish
0100-0200	on	9620	NOB	250	kW	/	230	deg	to	SoAm	Spanish
0100-0200	on	15160	NOB	250	kW	/	242	deg	to	CSAm	Spanish
0200-0500	on	6125	NOB	250	kW	/	242	deg	to	CSAm	Spanish
0200-0500	on	9535	NOB	250	kW	/	272	deg	to	CeAm	Spanish
0200-0500	on	9620	NOB	250	kW	/	230	deg	to	SoAm	Spanish
0115-0145	on	11795	NOB	250	kW	/	248	deg	to	CSAm	Sefardi Tue
0415-0445	on	9650	NOB	250	kW	/	290	deg	to	NoAm	Sefardi Tue
0500-0600	on	6125	NOB	250	kW	/	242	deg	to	CSAm	Spanish
0500-0600	on	9535	NOB	250	kW	/	272	deg	to	CeAm	Spanish
0500-0600	on	9780	NOB	250	kW	/	050	deg	to	WeEu	Spanish DRM
0600-0900	on	9780	NOB	250	kW	/	050	deg	to	WeEu	Spanish DRM
0900-1100	on	15585	NOB	250	kW	/	060	deg	to	WeEu	Spanish DRM
1100-1200	on	13720	NOB	250	kW	/	000	deg	to	WeEu	Spanish DRM
1100-1200	on	21515	NOB	250	kW	/	161	deg	to	WCAf	Spanish
1100-1200	on	21610	NOB	250	kW	/	110	deg	to	N/ME	Spanish
1200-1300	on	11910	BEI	500	kW	/	138	deg	to	SEAs	Spanish
1200-1300	on	13720	NOB	250	kW	/	000	deg	to	WeEu	Spanish DRM
1200-1300	on	17715	NOB	250	kW	/	230	deg	to	SoAm	Spanish Mon-Fri
1200-1300	on	21515	NOB	250	kW	/	161	deg	to	WCAf	Spanish
1200-1300	on	21610	NOB	250	kW	/	110	deg	to	N/ME	Spanish
1300-1400	on	11910	BEI	500	kW	/	138	deg	to	SEAs	Spanish
1300-1400	on	17715	NOB	250	kW	/	230	deg	to	SoAm	Spanish Mon-Fri
1300-1400	on	21515	NOB	250	kW	/	161	deg	to	WCAf	Spanish
1300-1400	on	21610	NOB	250	kW	/	110	deg	to	N/ME	Spanish
1300-1400	on	21640	NOB	250	kW	/	272	deg	to	CeAm	Spanish
1400-1500	on	15585	NOB	250	kW	/	060	deg	to	WeEu	Spanish Sat/Sun
1400-1500	on	17715	NOB	250	kW	/	230	deg	to	SoAm	Spanish
1400-1500	on	17755	NOB	250	kW	/	161	deg	to	WCAf	Spanish Sat
1400-1500	on	21515	NOB	250	kW	/	161	deg	to	WCAf	Spanish Sun-Fri

1400-1500 on 21610 NOB 250 kW / 110 deg to N/ME Spanish
1400-1500 on 21640 NOB 250 kW / 272 deg to CeAm Spanish

1425-1455 on 15385 NOB 250 kW / 092 deg to N/ME Sefardi Mon

1500-1600 on 15385 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Mon-Fri
1500-1600 on 15585 NOB 250 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Spanish Sat/Sun
1500-1600 on 17715 NOB 250 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish
1500-1600 on 17755 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Sat
1500-1600 on 21515 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Sun
1500-1600 on 21610 NOB 250 kW / 110 deg to N/ME Spanish
1500-1600 on 21640 NOB 250 kW / 272 deg to CeAm Spanish

1600-1700 on 7275 NOB 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu Spanish Sun
1600-1700 on 15385 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Mon-Fri
1600-1700 on 15585 NOB 250 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Spanish Sat
1600-1700 on 17715 NOB 250 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish
1600-1700 on 17755 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Sat
1600-1700 on 21515 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Sun
1600-1700 on 21610 NOB 250 kW / 110 deg to N/ME Spanish
1600-1700 on 21640 NOB 250 kW / 272 deg to CeAm Spanish Sat/Sun

1700-1730 on 15325 NOB 250 kW / 068 deg to EaEu Russian Mon-Fri

1700-1800 on 7275 NOB 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu Spanish Sat/Sun
1700-1800 on 17715 NOB 250 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish
1700-1800 on 17755 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish
1700-1800 on 17850 NOB 250 kW / 272 deg to CeAm Spanish Sat/Sun
1700-1800 on 21610 NOB 250 kW / 110 deg to N/ME Arabic

1800-1900 on 7275 NOB 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu Spanish Sat/Sun
1800-1900 on 9665 NOB 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu French Mon-Fri
1800-1900 on 17715 NOB 250 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun
1800-1900 on 17755 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish
1800-1900 on 17850 NOB 250 kW / 272 deg to CeAm Spanish
1800-1900 on 21610 NOB 250 kW / 110 deg to N/ME Arabic

1900-2000 on 7275 NOB 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu Spanish Sat/Sun
1900-2000 on 9570 NOB 250 kW / 170 deg to CeAf French Sat
1900-2000 on 9570 NOB 250 kW / 170 deg to NWAf Arabic Mon-Fri
1900-2000 on 9665 NOB 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu English Mon-Fri
1900-2000 on 11615 NOB 250 kW / 168 deg to NWAf English Mon-Fri
1900-2000 on 12015 NOB 250 kW / 110 deg to NEAf French Sun
1900-2000 on 17715 NOB 250 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun
1900-2000 on 15385 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Portuguese Mon-Fri
1900-2000 on 17755 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Sat/Sun
1900-2000 on 17850 NOB 250 kW / 272 deg to CeAm Spanish

2000-2100 on 7275 NOB 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu Spanish Sat/Sun
2000-2100 on 9570 NOB 250 kW / 170 deg to NWAf Arabic
2000-2100 on 9685 NOB 250 kW / 110 deg to NEAf French Mon-Fri
2000-2100 on 11615 NOB 250 kW / 168 deg to NWAf French Mon-Fri
2000-2100 on 17715 NOB 250 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun
2000-2100 on 17755 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Sat/Sun
2000-2100 on 17850 NOB 250 kW / 272 deg to CeAm Spanish

2100-2200 on 7275 NOB 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu Spanish Sat/Sun
2100-2200 on 9570 NOB 250 kW / 170 deg to NWAf Arabic Sat/Sun
2100-2200 on 9660 NOB 250 kW / 038 deg to WeEu English Sat/Sun
2100-2200 on 17595 NOB 250 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Portuguese Mon-Fri
2100-2200 on 17715 NOB 250 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun
2100-2200 on 17755 NOB 250 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Sat/Sun
2100-2200 on 17850 NOB 250 kW / 272 deg to CeAm Spanish

2200-2300 on 9570 NOB 250 kW / 170 deg to NWAf Spanish
2200-2300 on 17850 NOB 250 kW / 272 deg to CeAm Spanish Sat/Sun

2300-2400 on 6055 NOB 250 kW / 290 deg to NoAm French
2300-2400 on 6155 NOB 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu French Sat/Sun
2300-2400 on 9535 NOB 250 kW / 272 deg to CeAm Spanish
2300-2400 on 9620 NOB 250 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish
2300-2400 on 15160 NOB 250 kW / 242 deg to CSAm Spanish (DX RE MIX
NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via DXLD)

I'm not going to stop so much time to analyze the paragraph in response by the manager of RTVE, but I venture to say that this man is an analphabet [illiterate] in international broadcast technology, without the slightest idea of the topic. Let's see ---

"the shortwave broadcasts will soon be suspended because it is an obsolete technology,"

OK, the AM mode could be, but SSB, DRM and DIVEEMO aren't, and neither are solid state transmitters and modern receivers.

"it' s received with poor quality and inaudible,"

This man did not hear SW or other talk radio with a good receiver in his life, maybe he loves hear music by a strong and clear FM signal from near his house, not more. And therefore, the natural behavior of the HF is a mystery to him.

"because its users, disappearing,"

It is also debatable, but let's assume...

"companies that built the receivers have left to them, and are discontinued to make this type of receivers,"

He don't know the degree of complexity which have arrived the technology of communications receivers and portable high-performance radios

"and because the maintenance of these TX is an unacceptable economic cost in the current economic situation of the RTVE Corporation."

For me, this is the only one reason, but also it is known that the main expenditure is 700,000 euros in power, of a million total. That what I said to someone in Meneame.net days ago:

The question is: Yes, in some areas the SW (and other analog radio technologies) are obsolete, but not all. About a year the British public opinion practically "caught fire" to the general manager of the BBC Radio 4 by alleged obsolescence of valvular transmitters and to try to turn off the 198 KHz LW, receiving thousands of messages of Englishmen who follow cricket and the news in part of the Islands where there is no FM or medium waves and from Northern Europe. He gave reverse the decision, and consider equip Droitwich with solid-state emitters like France Inter in Allouis.

Now, with all the money spent in Spain (and in the mouth of some Spanish, "mysteriously lost"), ¿is it so important to save 1.2 million euros?, of which the majority are spent on energy, easily self-healing in the antennas park facilities by renewable means. Ah, so clear... I forgot... that goes against the 'law' of prohibition of renewable energy. OK, it is the "Españistán" of Popular Party... one more thing that they turn into garbage... :)\ Sandro Lenart, Paran - Argentina

[who apparently provided first the English translation of this:]

No me voy a detener a analizar mucho el "parrafito" del responsable del área, pero me aventuro a decir que este señor "vió luz y entró" al principio del gobierno del PP, sin la menor idea del tema. Bah, que otro "enchufado" más como dicen por allí.

A ver:

"las emisiones en Onda Corta se van a suspender próximamente porque es una tecnología obsoleta,"

La modalidad AM podría serlo pero difícilmente lo sean SSB, DRM, DIVEEMO y los nuevos emisores de estado sólido y receptores modernos.

"donde se recibe lo hace con mala calidad e inaudible,"

Este señor no escuchó una emisión por ondas cortas ni otra radio "de contenidos" con un receptor como la gente en su vida, lo suyo ser la FM musical que seguro emite fuerte y claro desde alguna sierra cerca de su casa. Y, claro, del comportamiento natural de las HF ni hablar, ese día faltó a clase.

"porque están desapareciendo sus usuarios,"

Más o menos, es discutible también, pero supongamos... .

"las empresas que construían los receptores lo han dejado de hacerlos y están descatalogadas este tipo de radios,"

Parece que tampoco conoce en lo más mínimo el grado de complejidad la que han llegado y va en aumento el desarrollo de receptores de comunicaciones y portátiles de alto rendimiento, otra vez, cero ideas.

"y porque el mantenimiento de estas emisiones supone un alto costo económico inasumible con la situación económica de la Corporación RTVE."

Esta sí se la creo y me atrevería a decir que es casi la única razón, aunque también es sabido que el gasto principal es energía, 700.000 euros del total de un millón. Eso se lo respondí a alguien en Menéame hace días:

La cuestión es: sí, en algunos ámbitos la SW (y otras tecnologías de radio analógicas) son obsoletas, pero en otros no. Hace alrededor de un año la opinión pública británica prácticamente "prendió fuego" al manager general de la BBC Radio 4 por alegar obsolescencia de los emisores valvulares y querer dejar a la LW de 198 KHz fuera del aire, recibiendo miles de mensajes de ingleses que siguen el críquet y las noticias en parte de las islas donde no hay FM ni ondas medias y en gran parte del norte de Europa. Se dio marcha atrás en la decisión, e incluso se estudia equipar Droitwich con emisores de estado sólido como utiliza France Inter desde Allouis.

Entonces, con todo lo se que gasta (y en boca de algunos españoles, se "pierde misteriosamente" en España, ¿que gran ahorro puede significar 1,2 millones de euros!, de los cuales, además, casi todo es energía, que bien podría obtenerse por medios renovables en una planta transmisora con un parque de antenas típico, que para variar, siempre suelen tener gran espacio ocioso.

Ah, claro... lo olvidé... eso va contra las eléctricas y contra la 'Ley' de aprovechamiento de las energías renovables.

Que bien por el Español "pepero"! Una cosa más que se "cargan" y van... :) (Sandro Lenart, Paraná - Argentina, Sept 24 condiglista yg via DXLD)

Subject: REE, REMAIN ON SHORTWAVE
To: englishservice@rtve.es

Dear Allison, Justin and all of REE,

Tuning across the analog radio broadcast bands is my favorite activity. I will not just call it a hobby, as it is that and so much more. Shortwave broadcasting in particular fascinates me no end; through shortwave I learn so much about the people and events of the world. A single shortwave broadcast transmitter can reach huge numbers of listeners, and all at once we become a community as you keep us informed and enrich us with a glimpse of your rich culture. It's truly a privilege to tune into REE every evening and hear your friendly voices. To me, shortwave listening is much more "personal" than listening via a computer. I can carry a portable receiver with me anywhere and tune into REE on the spot. I cannot afford a cellular plan to listen to internet streams on a mobile web device, and listening to the radio on a computer lacks the "personal" appeal of a portable radio. I'm just less inclined to listen online.

I have never understood the reasoning of countries deciding that shortwave broadcasting is irrelevant and not worth continuing. Good quality SW receivers are easy to find, and are affordable. The international broadcast bands are a resource deserving respect and full use. What better a medium than shortwave radio to instantly reach across borders with your information and culture. Long Live REE!!!

Most Sincerely, (Chuck Ermatinger, Saint Louis, Missouri, USA, cc to DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, Sept 19, SLBC carrier on from *0114:11.5, fair with flutter; musical prelude from 0115:10.5, and mistimesignal ending at 0115:19 as it fluxuates slightly but never close to real time.

11905, fair Sept 21 at 0115, but SLBC fails to modulate on normally precisely mistimed service, so no timesignal to clock; just carrier, altho at 0117 I think I hear bits of music; still dead air past 0121. Wiggle that patchcord! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. CLANDESTINE, 15550, R. Dabanga via UAE:
Sep 19 0529-0540, 25222, Arabic, Talk, IS and SJ at 0530 and 0536
Sep 22 0528-0536, 25232, Arabic, Talk, IS and SJ at 0528 and 0530
(Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** SYRIA. Radio Damascus now LIVE on the internet (besides the recordings) Dear friends, Radio Damascus' external service is now LIVE on the internet besides the daily recording of the program. You can listen to the LIVE program on the following website:
<http://www.syriaonline.sy/?f=Radio-Damascus>

Please listen to their interesting programs and contact the Radio Damascus team to support them in these difficult times. You will learn a lot about Syria by listening to their excellent news and cultural programs. Best wishes (Kris Janssen, Belgium, 1836 UT Sept 23, WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 7502, Xing Xing B/S (Kuanyin), *1157-1205 16 Sept. 0C, one minute flute tune at TOH, ID ("Xing Xing -- guangbo diandai") & reading of # groups. Poor but readable & thanks to Ron Howard's tip/audio clip for the logging opportunity (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7502.0-AM, StarStar Broadcasting Station - V13. Now seems to be semi-regular here. 1203 on Sept 22 with usual numbers in Chinese; fair (Ron Howard, Calif., E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Sound of Hope:

9230.146, TWN SOH

9280.146, TWN SOH

9320.140, TWN SOH

9634.934, TWN probably SOH

(Wolfgang B,schel, downunder on net SDR unit at Sydney, Australia, 11-12 UT Sept 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

7280, Sound Of Hope, Tanshui. 1120 September 21, 2014. Excellent with traditional Chinese instrumental and vocals, Chinese male ID 1130, parallel fair 9200 (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Terry, Did you rule out 7280 and 9200 being CNR1 jammers?? These are normally 'excellent' and it sounds like their programming rather than SOH which I understand is mostly talk, not music. Or maybe you copied an exact SOH ID in Chinese? 73, (Glenn to Terry, via DXLD)

BOH ID mentioned soundofhope.org in English (but not actually an English ID). (Terry Krueger, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 9734.944, RTI Japanese (Wolfgang B,schel, downunder on net SDR unit at Sydney, Australia, 11-12 UT Sept 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. Test series of new Ampegon transmitter and revolving antennas at Tamsui Taipei Taiwan. new Ampegon antennas at Tamsui Taipei. see Google Maps image:
<<https://goo.gl/maps/crRbo>>

Re: My server - can you access it in western Scotland?

Paul, works fine, had a Tamsui Taipei Taiwan S=9+25dB test transmission signal on your SDR unit at present, DRM mode 1620 to 1630 UT. Only SINGLE DAY TEST transmission today Sept 15 (Wolfgang B.schel, BCDX 21 Sept via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

Sondersendungen von Radio Taiwan International. Testsendung von der Sendeanlage Tamsui, die neuen Ampegon Sender und revolving Antennen werden getestet?

15. September 2014 von 1600 bis 1610 UTC 11665 kHz AM mode
15. September 2014 von 1620 bis 1630 UTC 11665 kHz DRM mode

Frequency on test transmission will be published soon:

3 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT
4 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT
5 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT
10 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT
11 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT
12 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT
17 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT DRM mode
18 Oct von 1600 bis 1700 UT DRM mode
(Wolf-Dieter Behnke, Germany, A-DX Sept 12 via BCDX 21 Sept via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD) Beware: Malaysia sked on 11665 till 1700 (gh, ibid.)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4765.05, Tajik R., Sep 18 1257-1309, 35343, Tajik, Music and news, ID at 1307 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 17640, R. Thailand, Sep 19 0540-0551, 35433, English, News, ID at 0541 and 0545 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) European service

15590, Sept 20 at 0222, HSK9 poor with flutter, can tell it's in English, but unusable; yet the best heard in a long time, this so-called ``North American`` service (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. TAJIKISTAN, 15582, Voice of Tibet, via Yangi-Yul Dushanbe, logged around 1233 UT on Sept 21. China jamming on adjacent even 15580 kHz.

15548 and 15583 Voice of Tibet, via Yangi-Yul Dushanbe, logged around 1300 UT on Sept 22, S=9 -72dBm strength. At 1303:10 UT CHINA jamming station started on adjacent 15550 and 15580 kHz (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 21/22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15588, VOT (Dushanbe-Yangiyul), *1404-1429* 17 Sept. //-ish (about 20 seconds behind) 15530 (*1406-28*) (Talata-Volonondry)

15582, VOT, (Dushanbe-Yangiyul), 1403-1405* 18 Sept. Again, almost in synch with 15525. 15588, *1405 still 20+ seconds behind '525 (& 15530 when it opened at 1407) (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TROMELIN. FT4T, TROMELIN (Press Release, August 26th). Flo, F5CWU, sent out and posted the following on the FT4TA Web page: "One more thing. by Flo -- In just a month, we'll leave Europe for Tromelin. Except for a major event, this communication should be the last before departure. It seems important to us to point out the objectives to you that we fixed ourselves.

Initially, we will seek to maximize the number of contacts to give everyone a chance whatever their geographical position. To achieve this goal, we should be active quite often on the most prolific bands. Our operators will make their best to exploit the propagation windows towards certain areas. The collaboration of all will be essential not to waste time, stupidly.

Our second priority will be activity on the low bands, with all the difficulties that it generates. Let's hope that our equipment and effort will provide good results.

Once a day, the logs of FT4TA will be uploaded on ClubLog by a satellite data connection. The leaderboard will not be activated (to discourage unrestrained race). 'In addition, we point out that neither the pilots, nor the QSL Manager will have access to the log during the operation. Useless to drown them under e-mails. In case of doubt, please reiterate the contact.'

The dates of our operation will be concomitant with those of the philatelic exhibition of Paris. In addition to a presentation of our activity, the stamps celebrating the 60 years of the 1st amateur radio activity from Tromelin will be presented and put on sale by the TAAF. We are really happy to have taken part in its development and proud to see our activity highlighted.

We are pleased to announce that all the QSL cards requests (direct - OQRS - donors) will have this stamp applied. Envelopes will be then entrusted to the TAAF which will have the responsibility to convey, cover and affix the philatelic marks from the island of Tromelin, these stamps being valid only from the French Southern and Antarctic lands. It may slightly lengthen the answer time but it offers the opportunity of having your QSL and a wonderful philatelic envelope.

Lastly, keep in mind that the conditions under which the expedition will be realized will be testing, more especially as the team is small. We will be lodged by the TAAF. Besides the radio operation, a certain number of additional tasks will be carried out by the team to assist our hosts, which is legitimate in a community life. We could per moment be obliged to temporarily stop the transmissions of one or more stations for a short period.

You can right now find all details on our website. Throughout the stay, our team in France will keep the site updated with news as well as photographs transmitted by satellite with the logs. Thank you for your encouragements and your support..... The team FT4TA"

Just as a reminder! -- More details and updates can be found on the following media and URLs Web pages at:

Tromelin Web page - <http://www.tromelin2014.com>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/tromelin2014>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/tromelin2014>

(via Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 1181, September 22, 2014, Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW, Provided by BARF80.ORG (Cleveland, Ohio), via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD) How about some SWBC operation?? (gh, DXLD)

** UKRAINE. September 21, Radio Dniprovskya Hvylya relay HS 1 in Ukrainian 0757 on 11980.1, Zaporizhia in CUSB:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BD5u07Q7Ek&feature=youtu.be>

Same at 0800:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XS7G_2zV0no&feature=youtu.be

(DX RE MIX NEWS #872 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Sept. 23, 2014, via DXLD) See also RUSSIA

** UKRAINE [non]. WRMI to Begin Relay of Radio Ukraine International

Shortwave station WRMI in Okeechobee, Florida will begin a daily relay transmission of the English-language program of Radio Ukraine International on Thursday, September 25, 2014 on the frequency of 11580 kHz from 2330 to 0000 UT. This transmission will be directed primarily to eastern North America, although it will likely be audible in Europe as well.

"We are pleased to be able to provide this service to shortwave listeners at a time when much of the world's focus is on the situation in the Ukraine," said Jeff White, WRMI General Manager. The broadcasts will continue at least through the end of 2014. Listener reports and comments are welcome at info@wrmi.net

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(NEWS RELEASE - September 23, 2014, via WORLD OF RADIO 1740, DXLD)

**** UKRAINE [and non]. Yatsenyuk, Poroshenko Hail RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service On Sixtieth Anniversary --- September 19, 2014**

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Ukrainian Service marked its 60th anniversary on September 18 at an event in Kyiv, attended by Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk and Kyiv Mayor Vitaliy Klitschko and hosted by the Prague Freedom Foundation.

In keynote remarks, Yatsenyuk said, "Empires collapsed, walls fell, dictators disappeared, but Radio Svoboda exists and will exist, as well as freedom. The Prime Minister told the audience of diplomats, members of the Ukrainian parliament, civil society leaders, and journalists, I wish all of us to listen to Radio Svoboda and be free people thanks to the truth and thanks to Radio Svoboda."

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, currently visiting the U.S., sent a written statement that was read at the event. "Generations of modern Ukrainian politicians grew up listening to your programs, despite artificially created obstacles," he wrote. "Your many years of work are an example of how to care for the interests of the society, independent of party interests and political regimes."

Also attending the anniversary celebration were Karel Schwarzenberg, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Czech Chamber of Deputies; Laima Andrikiene, a former member of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Human Rights; Ukrainian parliament members Iryna Gerashchenko and Hryhoriy Nemyria; and Hromadske TV founder Mustafa Nayem, all of whom participated in a panel discussion on the role of propaganda and the power of independent journalism in situations of conflict and war.

Service director Maryana Drach said the Service's accomplishments draw on a distinguished history, citing the service's support of dissidents

during the Soviet period and its reporting on issues long hidden by the Soviet government and media, such as Holodomor (the man-made Great Famine of 1932-33, which resulted in the death of millions of Ukrainians). Drach added, "Today Radio Svoboda reports on the seizure of the [Crimean Tatar parliament] Mejlis, the closure of Ukrainian schools in Crimea, and alleged torture of captives in Eastern Ukraine," always remaining faithful to its mission to provide journalistically sound news and analysis.

RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service, known locally as Radio Svoboda, began its first broadcast from Munich, West Germany on August 16, 1954 with this call: "Brothers and sisters! Ukrainians! We live abroad, but our hearts and minds are always with you. No Iron Curtain can separate us or keep us apart." The Service has enjoyed dramatic growth among local audiences this year as a result of its live-streamed coverage of events relating to the Euromaidan demonstrations. Its on-site reporting from Crimea and the conflict zones in eastern Ukraine, and investigations into the properties and finances of the Yanukovich regime is regularly cited by major international and local media. (via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

**** UKRAINE. Mykolaiv high power test transmissions (Historical)**

The following article by Rick maybe of interest to those who didn't read the original article in Monitoring Times quite some time ago. I never saw the original article & I'm sure many others in the group won't have either. I found it fascinating & I re-posted (with some editing) here for the interest of our readers. My thanks to Rick for his permission to re-post it (pacificfmdx, Sept 21, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

UKRAINE: Mykolaiv high power transmissions

By Rick Slobodian (Canada) from data collected while I was in Lviv at the Krasne Transmitter site in August 1998

In the 70's from the Mykolaiv (Luch) transmitter site in Ukraine, experiments were performed using three 1000 kW transmitters in parallel. The antenna consisted of 13 vertical towers in the shape of a parabola (as viewed from an airplane), it also had a very narrow bandwidth (ca. 3 MHz), and a very narrow beamwidth (approx. 5-10 degrees). The result of this was the gain they obtained from this antenna was a staggering 38 dB! The reference signal they used it against was a 1000 kW transmitter with a 20 dB curtain antenna. The test signal was directed to the Washington/New York area.

What happened was as follows; transmitter output power started at 1000 kW and they increased power and monitored received signal strength in Washington. As the test transmitter power approached 2000 kW, they

found that the received signal strength started to decrease. At 3000 kW the received signal was almost gone, but why?

Radio Ionosonde sounders and satellites were then dispatched to analyse the signal. What they found was surprising. At 3000 kW and 38 dB of antenna gain the signal was of such power that it was heating up a spot in the ionosphere but instead of creating a solid area of reflection they discovered they were actually burning a hole in the ionosphere and the signal was being shot off into space.

They also noticed that in the area of the ionospheric hole had an effect on approaching weather fronts. The weather fronts were being deflected around the ionospheric heated area, an inadvertent weather modification.

So they reduced the power, received signal strength improved, but not much over the reference signal. They experienced lots of fading especially when the ionosphere was unstable, that the solar winds would push & pull at this heated up areas of the ionosphere and moved it around.

They did however notice that as the ionospheric hole decreased in size, they were also able to transmit a second signal beamed to the same spot at much higher than the MUF and HPF, however the received signal was very unstable, because of the lack of symmetry and alignment due to the number of hops. This method has been used before, but just for one hop.

The parabolic antenna was modified to a wider beamwidth (approximately 30 degrees) and the frequency range was expanded to 5.5-22.0 MHz. The result of this was a drop in gain to 29 dB, which is still fantastic. The high power transmission program was cancelled, and soon after many of the engineers were laid off, but approximately 20-30 were provided safe passage out of the Ukrainian SSR and ended up in Alaska working on the US HAARP project (via shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

The connection with HAARP is fascinating. Are these the photos of the site in question?

[https://www.google.nl/search?](https://www.google.nl/search?q=Krasne+radio&espv=2&biw=1578&bih=921&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ei=PxFmVP-uI8esPaaSgKAC&ved=0CAYQ_AUoAQ#facrc=_&imgdii=_&imgsrc=bu1h9ECZLUFjwM%253A%3B-2j2Yzw rAm4yTM%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fphotos.wikimapia.org%252Fp%252F00%252F02%252F43%252F27%252F42_big.jpg%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fwikimapia.org%252F6046299%252FLviv-Krasne-transmitter-site-of-Radio-Ukraine-International%3B640%3B480)

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(Jonathan Marks, *ibid.*)

Hi Jonathan, Glad you liked the article. The reflector of the site is located here:

46 49 17.05 N 32 12 32.04 E (Coordinates from Wolfgang)

If you use Google Earth and turn on historical imagery and slide all the way back to 2004 you will see the entire SW Parabolic antenna still in place. The driven elements (feedpoint) antenna is still there, but not parabolic reflector masts.

If you turn on Photos layer you will also see several photos of the feedpoint antenna elements/masts.

As Wolfgang highlighted to me sometime back, the Russian Taldom SW site also used (4?) of these Parabolic reflector antennas. To the best of my knowledge only two SW broadcast sites globally ever used these antennas. The antennas were described as AMO-450 & AMO-900 System antennas. Olle Alm & Wolfgang provided a lot of material from 2004 era about these antennas (Ian, ibid.)

** UKRAINE. If anyone's wondering how Voice of Russia managed to get their Crimean Service on air so quickly and with such wide FM coverage, it's perhaps because they're using an existing broadcaster's facilities. This is Trans M Radio, and the VoR Crimean Service is available live online via their partner station's website at (for comparison purposes, the online feed of the main VoR service can be heard at). Local programming was observed at 1203 UT today (22 September 2014), immediately following the 1200 UT news summary from the main VoR service.

This service also has a Facebook page at . According to the 'About' section, this is the [per Google translation]: "Official website of Radio 'Voice of Russia' in the Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol city under federal jurisdiction" (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Sept 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. BBCWS to West Africa --- BBC World Service is launching special Ebola broadcasts for West Africa, starting today (22 September). A press release at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2014/ebola-radio-network> says the broadcasts will be daily at 1950 but doesn't mention any frequencies. Separately, I have been told that they are 9915 and 12095. Both of these are already due to be on to West Africa at 2000-2200, so it would seem that they will come up 10 minutes early for these special programmes. But that raises the issue of what will happen on 13660 and 15400, which are scheduled to close at 2000. (Chris Greenway, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

BBC - BBC World Service launches Ebola radio network for West Africa
- Media centre --- Peter Horrocks, Director, BBC World Service
GroupDate: 22.09.2014 Last updated: 22.09.2014 at 12.22

Category: World Service

The BBC World Service is launching special Ebola broadcasts for West Africa, starting today (Monday 22 September). Each evening shortwave transmissions to the region will be increased. There will be a round-up of news, concentrating on efforts to combat the virus - particularly to the three worst affected countries: Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

News About West Africa will be a nine minute daily programme (Monday to Friday) broadcast live at 19:50 GMT around the world and presented by BBC Africa's Kim Chakanetsa. Through local stories, correspondents and interviews, the broadcast will include the latest information about local, regional and international effort to contain and combat the disease. There is a great deal of new information emerging about how best to respond to Ebola and the programme aims to share that with an African and global audience.

BBC Africa, in conjunction with the BBC's international development charity Media Action, has since August been broadcasting two weekly Ebola bulletins on the BBC's English, French and Hausa services.

BBC Media Action has also been helping to tackle dangerous misinformation about the disease in a new radio programme. Kick Ebola Nar Salone (Kick Ebola out of Sierra Leone), is a 30 minute show produced weekly and broadcast three times a week on 35 partner stations across the country.

Peter Horrocks, Director, BBC World Service Group says: "Lack of knowledge and myths about the disease are killing people as surely as Ebola is. Quality information from both within and outside the countries affected about how the risks of Ebola can be safely managed will save lives. The range of emergency activities on Ebola from the BBC World Service are in the finest traditions of the humanitarian instincts of our broadcasting on SW (also via Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

WTFK????? It remains for The Japan Times to insert that bit of info into more or less the same press release as found by Chuck, below:

BBC BEGINS NIGHTLY EBOLA SERVICE IN WEST AFRICA
World / Science & Health AFP-JIJI

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LONDON --- BBC World Service radio on Monday began nightly Ebola broadcasts for West Africa, concentrating on efforts to combat the virus across the region.

The nine-minute program will be broadcast at 19:50 GMT on the shortwave frequencies 9915 kHz and 12095 kHz.

The 'News About West Africa' broadcasts will include a roundup of developments particularly from Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, the three worst-affected countries.

``Through local stories, correspondents and interviews, the broadcast will include the latest information about local, regional and international effort to contain and combat the disease,`` the British Broadcasting Corporation said in a statement.

``There is a great deal of new information emerging about how best to respond to Ebola and the programme aims that to share that with an African and global audience.``

The World Health Organization updated the epidemic's overall death toll Monday to 2,793, while adding that the outbreak was basically contained in Senegal and Nigeria.

``Lack of knowledge and myths about the disease are killing people as surely as Ebola is,`` said BBC World Service director Peter Horrocks.

``Quality information from both within and outside the countries affected about how the risks of Ebola can be safely managed will save lives.

``The range of emergency activities on Ebola from the BBC World Service are in the finest traditions of the humanitarian instincts of our broadcasting`` (Japan Times via Chuck Albertson, WA, DXLD)

Have the BBCWS on in the background (2000 UT) and they mentioned something about new/additional broadcasts to Africa that dealt with public health advice on dealing with Ebola. Don't know if they've added any frequencies. The WS for Africa Web page has some clips of a special Ebola broadcast going back a week or so.

[Later:] Answered my own query by poking around the BBC Website -- not in any straightforward fashion (are their shortwave schedules now covered by the Official Secrets Act?), but a search brought up a link to a Japan Times article announcing the service [as above]: (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Sept 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In the end it was just part of the normal schedule heard on 15400, 13660 and 11810 (even though it is for Central Africa). I didn't check 9915. 15400 went off as normal at 2000 GMT and 12095 started as normal at that time with Newshour. Recording of 15400 with some of 12095 right at the end (Stephen Cooper, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nothing heard here at 1950 on either frequency (9915, 12095), but in tuning back to 15400 they are indeed carrying news about the Ebola outbreak. Go figure. 15400 closed at 2000, and 9915 and 12095 came up at 2000 with News Hour (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, *ibid.*)

New registrations have been added by Babcock to the HFCC. These include:

9915 to West Africa now until 0000 GMT
12095 to West Africa now until 0000 GMT

Also interesting, a new broadcast on 17755 to North Africa and Middle East in English on Thursday and Friday of this week. 100 kW from WOF. Possibly DRM test? (Stephen Cooper, Sept 23, *ibid.*) Yes:

BBC changes effective from Sept. 20/22:

0700-0730 17880 WOF 300 kW / 152 deg CeAf French, ex MEY 250kW/342deg
1300-1400 17830 MEY 250 kW / 032 deg EaAf Somali Sat "Premier League"
1300-1400 21470 DHA 250 kW / 205 deg EaAf Somali Sat "Premier League"
1330-1600 17780 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg WeAf Hausa Sat "Premier League"
1100-1200 17755 WOF 100 kW / 107 deg N/ME English Sept. 24 DRM mode
1400-1500 17830 MEY 250 kW / 032 deg EaAf Somali Sat "Premier League"
1400-1500 21470 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg EaAf Somali Sat "Premier League"
1600-1700 6195 TAC 100 kW / 236 deg WeAs Farsi, ex 1500-1600 same
1600-1700 15310 NAK 250 kW / 300 deg WeAs Farsi, ex 1500-1600 same
2200-2400 9915 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg WCAf English Mon-Fri, additional
2200-2400 12095 ASC 250 kW / 027 deg WeAf English Mon-Fri, additional
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/09/bbc-changes-effective-from-sept2022.html>

Good signals into Houston of the expanded BBCWS transmissions via Ascension on 9915 and 12095 between 2300 and 2330 UT September 23. Earlier darkness this time of year helps (Houston sunset 0018.) Nice to have this early evening option, but I suspect the additional hours will be dropped if/when the Ebola epidemic subsides, which would be a good thing (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, *ibid.*)

Someone has not told Kranji about the longer transmissions to West Africa on 12095. Bow Bells interval signal played from Kranji over the last 3-4 minutes of the programme on 12095 from Ascension (Stephen Cooper, England, *ibid.*)

** U S A. 13565-CW, Sept 19 at 0535, K6FRC hifer beacon copiable vs CODAR (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7345-USB, Sept 18 at 1255, ruining my reception of MYANMAR [q.v.], Navy MARS starts up, mainly NNNOPHR, deciding with another station to e-mail a message rather than shortwave it! 1300 formal opening of net with check-ins, him as NCS. Googling quickly identifies NNNOPHR as Joseph W. Pinner in Kingston TN. He's also involved with AWA and steelsoldiers.com about military surplus, mainly vehicles but also radios (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Thanks to a tip from Alan Roberts in St-Lambert, Quebec, I am hearing parallel signals in FM mode on 25910 and 25990 kHz. of radio station KLDE 104.9 FM in Eldorado, Texas playing oldies music with many station IDs. Good signal at 2000 UTC in the Montreal region. These are generally studio to remote link transmitters (Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec, Sept 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Interesting the same pair of frequencies which were employed by the DFW stations. Unfortunately, far too close to here for skip. Eldorado, not to be confused with the larger ones in Kansas and Arkansas, is between San Angelo and Sonora at the junxion of US 277 & 190, in Schleicher County (gh, OK, DXLD)

25910: reasonably good copy in Sydney, 18SEPT2014, 2040. Female: Fire safety tips "make sure you don't leave BBQ pit unattended" mentioning Texas. More unknown FM carriers/signals on

25836

25895

25965

25950

73 (Nick VK2DX Hacko, NSW, Video uploaded, thanks to DXLD memebrrs for tip-off, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

According to Alan Roberts in St-Lambert, Quebec, these two FM mode signals on 25910 and 25990 kHz from Eldorado, Texas are in again this morning at 1300 UT. 25910 is the stronger of the two signals. I am hearing the signals still at 1600 here in Greenfield Park, Quebec (Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec, Canada, Sept 22, ibid.)

25909.885, KLDE Texas. 23SEPT 2014, 2212 loud again, some drop-outs but solid 90% copy. FM. Wonder how much power are they running?

73 (Nick VK2DX Hacko, Sydney, ibid.)

Not hearing anything on either 25910 or 25990 after 0000 September 24 here in Houston, though at 310 miles I might be too close. I am however, getting strong CB skip on 27025 and 27165, so the upper frequencies haven't died at this hour (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

** U S A. BBG NAMES ANDY LACK CEO
RESPECTED EXECUTIVE TO LEAD U.S. INTERNATIONAL MEDIA
September 22, 2014 Photo credit: Bloomberg
<http://www.bbg.gov/blog/2014/09/23/bbg-names-andy-lack-ceo/>

WASHINGTON - The Broadcasting Board of Governors announced today that it intends to hire respected journalist and media executive Andrew Lack as Chief Executive Officer of the federal agency that oversees the five networks and broadcasting operations of U.S. international media. Those networks include Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio and TV Marti, Radio Free Asia, and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks.

"Andy Lack has an unmatched record as a journalist and media executive, and he has successfully steered large organizations through changes in competitive media environments," BBG Chair Jeff Shell said. "We are incredibly excited that Andy has decided to serve his country and lead the BBG as it fulfills its critical mission in this ever-changing and more complicated world."

Once his appointment is finalized, Lack will serve as the first-ever CEO of U.S. international media. Creating the position of a CEO has been a key objective of the agency's governing board and the Administration.

Lack's selection follows an extensive search process launched in October 2013, when the Board formed a special committee on the creation of a CEO. Earlier this year, the agency engaged an executive search firm to identify candidates.

"Andy is a great leader, a great communicator, and a great journalist," said Richard Stengel, Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, who serves as the delegate to the Board for Secretary of State John Kerry. "He is the perfect person - and I really mean the perfect person - to be this organization's first CEO in the 21st century. We are lucky to have him, and we at State look forward to working with him."

Chairman of the Bloomberg Media Group for the past year, Lack joined Bloomberg in October 2008 as CEO of its Global Media Group. In this position, he was responsible for expanding television, radio, magazine, conference and digital businesses. Under his leadership, Bloomberg LP has enhanced the quality of its media properties, expanded internationally, and built out services to bring information to more people, in more places, on more platforms than ever before.

Prior to joining Bloomberg, Lack was Chairman and CEO of Sony Music

Entertainment, where he led the company's roster of prominent international artists and vast catalog of recorded music from around the world. Before joining Sony Music Entertainment, he was president and chief operating officer of NBC, where he oversaw entertainment, news (including MSNBC and CNBC), NBC stations, sales and broadcast and network operations. He was responsible for expanding the Today show to three hours and creating the show's street-side studio in New York's Rockefeller Center.

From 1993 to 2001, Lack was president of NBC News, which he transformed into America's most-watched news organization through NBC Nightly News, Meet the Press, Today and Dateline NBC.

Before going to NBC, Lack spent much of his television career at CBS News. After joining in 1976, within a year, he became a prominent producer for 60 Minutes and subsequently, senior executive producer of CBS Reports. Lack's broadcasts at CBS earned numerous honors, including 16 Emmy Awards and 4 Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Journalism Awards.

Lack received a bachelor's degree from the College of Fine Arts at Boston University, where he is currently a trustee.

He lives in Bronxville, NY with his wife, Betsy, and their two sons. (BBG PR Sept 22 via David Cole, Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

** U S A. 9565, 09/18, 2242 R. Marti, Greenville-NC, in Spanish; Marti News, ID, 35443. // 11930, 45433 (JRX_Jose Ronaldo Xavier, (Cabedelo-Paraiba-Brazil), Receiver: Degen DE1101, HCDX via DXLD)

Note the I readings in his SINPOS ñ 5, meaning absolutely no interference by the time these get to PB, yet wall of noise jamming as heard in North America (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 11995, Sept 18 at 0533, VOA Special English feature about camps in China to treat internet-addicted gaming teens; someone made a documentary called ``Web-Junkie``. This hour is supposed to be VOA Kurdish via VATICAN, but others have previously noted this English instead. Is it erroneous feed or what? Fair signal. Furthermore, HFCC called for this entire 05-06 UT transmission to have been terminated as of 14 September (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Hello everyone, Quick post to let you know of the 70th anniversary of the Bethany VOA relay station with amateur radio station WC8VOA heard quite well now at 1645 UT on 14235 USB. This is a special event station for the day today. 73 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, Sept 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VOA Radiogram Sept 20-21 will include a detailed VOA news item about U.S. public diplomacy. Here is the lineup for VOA Radiogram, program 77. All content is in MFSK32 centered on 1500 Hz except for two surprise modes at the end:

1:34 Program preview
2:35 Device produces water from fog, with image.
7:34 NASA contract for manned spacecraft, with image
11:33 NASA's asteroid detection effort, with image
18:15 US information battle with Russia, IS
26:41 Closing announcements

More information:

Decode with Fldigi from w1hkj.com or your favorite decoder.

VOA Radiogram transmission schedule

(all days and times UT):

Sat 0930-1000 5745 kHz

Sat 1600-1630 17860 kHz

Sun 0230-0300 5745 kHz

Sun 1930-2000 15670 kHz

All via the Edward R. Murrow transmitting station in North Carolina.

The Mighty KBC will transmit a minute of MFSK64 Saturday at about 1130 UT on 6095 kHz and Sunday at about 0130 UT (Saturday 9:30 pm EDT) on 7375 kHz. Both frequencies are via Germany. Reports to themightykbk (at) gmail.com (Kim Elliott, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

During the VoA datacast on 17860 kHz/1600z there were again strong interferences by local lightning strikes. I worked with the combination FRG-100+Dipole for 7 MHz and with IC-R75+boomerang antenna for 27 MHz. In both cases I made unattended IF-recordings with the HSDR-scheduler.

The winner was the first variant; in the second there were even problems in the text. I think: It was the better antenna. By decoding the IF with software on the PC (without using the built-in ceramic filter) both receivers are equivalent. The significant difference always make the antennas (roger, Germany, ibid.)

** U S A [and non]. UNDER SECRETARY STENGEL: US IN INFORMATION 'BATTLE' WITH IS, RUSSIA --- Alex Villarreal, September 16, 2014

U.S. Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Richard Stengel says that in the face of strong foreign propaganda machines such as Russia and the Islamic State, the U.S. needs to harden its "soft power" with its own participation in the global conversation.

Speaking in Washington Tuesday at an event hosted by the non-partisan American Security Project, Stengel called engagement "a sign of strength," and said the United States should be the nation that listens.

He said recent changes in technology, including the rise of social media, are suitable to making public diplomacy more important in the 21st century than ever before, as the world is seeing "a reemergence of history, a reemergence of blood and borders" from Ukraine to the Middle East to Southeast Asia.

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy also met Tuesday in Washington to discuss the impact of international broadcasting and recommendations for engaging foreign audiences.

'Competition' with Russia

On Russia and the global conversation about the Ukraine conflict, Stengel said when he took up his post at the State Department in February, he was "surprised and displeased" by how powerful the Russian propaganda machine was - not just in Russia, but in the surrounding region of Russian speakers.

He said competing with Russian news, which he described as "nothing like what we think of as objective," is something the U.S. is now focusing on, including through the Voice of America. VOA Director David Ensor was present for Stengel's remarks.

Stengel, who came to State after seven years as the managing editor of TIME magazine, said the U.S. is focused now on getting its point of view out in the Russian language, but not through broadcasting, which he called "an old model." Instead, he said the U.S. is turning to social media.

The Russian leadership has been criticized recently for a wave of Internet restrictions that appear designed to stifle dissent online. The closing off of the Internet information space has "grave implications" for public diplomacy, said Stengel, and it is a trend against which he said he is trying to campaign.

The Kremlin denies allegations of censorship or pressure on the media, but online activists and journalists have been increasingly concerned that President Vladimir Putin is seeking to tighten control over Russian society, amid the bitter dispute between Russia and the West over Ukraine's future.

'Information Battlefield'

Stengel also addressed the rise of the Islamic State militant group, which has overtaken large amounts of territory in both Iraq and Syria, saying that apart from its "savage" beheadings of American journalists and other violence, the group has proven "very adept" at information warfare.

Staffan Truve, an analyst with the social media monitoring group Recorded Future, told VOA recently that more than 60,000 Twitter accounts this summer were talking about Islamic State extremists in a positive way.

Patrick Skinner with the Soufan Group, a security intelligence services company, says the Islamic State's international recruitment drive is equally skillful. He says the group's message is carefully tailored to specific demographic groups in Europe, the Middle East and South Asia, as well as locally in Iraq and Syria.

Stengel, fresh from a trip to the Middle East with Secretary of State John Kerry, said the U.S. is in a battle with the Islamic State that is not just being fought on a "kinetic battlefield," but on an "information battlefield" as well. But he said the group's ability to recruit foreign fighters has more to do with conditions the U.S. does not control, such as region specific economic and social problems.

Broadcasting Reform?

Some media advocacy groups have expressed concerns about the U.S. government waging "information warfare" through its international broadcasting institutions such as VOA, Radio Free Europe and Radio Free Asia. Reporters Without Borders Secretary-General Christophe Deloire issued a statement in May saying that would be extremely regrettable.

Deloire's statement came in response to a bill the House of Representatives passed in July that would overhaul U.S. international broadcasting to support U.S. foreign policy.

The bill would reduce the scope of VOA's coverage from world news to coverage of the United States and international developments that affect the U.S. - a change some current and former VOA journalists say would be "devastating" to VOA's credibility and integrity.

But supporters of the bill say it would help the U.S. fight back more effectively in the war of information against countries like Russia and China. Democrat Eliot Engel, co-sponsor of the House bill, says the legislation will require U.S. broadcasting agencies to remain "objective sources of news and information," not just "a mouthpiece

for U.S. foreign policy."

A similar U.S. broadcasting bill must pass in the Senate, and the legislation must be signed by President Barack Obama in order to become law.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/under-secretary-stengel-us-in-information-battle-with-is-russia/2452158.html>

See also:

<http://www.americansecurityproject.org/event-review-under-secretary-stengel-american-public-diplomacy-in-2014-and-beyond/>
(via VOA Radiogram Sept 20 via Harald Kuhl, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1739 monitoring: confirmed second broadcast after 1230 UT Thursday Sept 18 on WRMI 9955: fair & fully readable signal with RFI/TAIWAN CCCCCI but worse QRM from Cuban pulse jamming; tnx a lot, Arnie; same continued until end at 1259.

Next broadcasts on WRMI may or may not emit 1739 instead of 1738: Thu 2330 on 11580; Fri 2130 on 7570 & 15770; UT Sun 0100 on 5950. More certain for 1739 are: WWRB 3185, UT Friday 0326v; KVOH 9975, UT Sun 0131; WBCQ 5110v-CUSB, UT Mon 0259v; HLR 7265-CUSB, Sat 0630 & 1430

WORLD OF RADIO 1738 monitoring: confirmed on WRMI 11580, Thursday Sept 18 from 2330.5, good signal and no QRM.

WORLD OF RADIO 1739 monitoring: confirmed on WWRB 3185, UT Friday Sept 19 from 0331, after a respectful pause following the previous preacher; this time does not start with such a blast as before, first monitored on webcast, and then confirmed on 3185 which has the best signal in a long time, very good, almost as strong as 3215 WWCR. Meanwhile, 5050 WWRB has no BS and no signal either. Next:

Friday 2130 on WRMI 7570 & 15770, may still be 1738 repeat
Saturday 0630 & 1430 on HLR 7265-CUSB
UT Sunday 0100 on WRMI 5950, may still be 1738 repeat
UT Sunday 0131 on KVOH 9975
UT Monday 0259v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB; etc.

WORLD OF RADIO 1738 monitoring: confirmed another repeat of last week's show on WRMI, 15770 and stronger 7570, Friday Sept 19 at 2130.5. Next:

UT Sunday 0100 on WRMI 5950 --- maybe finally with 1739?
UT Sunday 0131 on KVOH 9975
UT Monday 0259v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB; etc.

WORLD OF RADIO 1739 monitoring: confirmed on WRMI, 5950, UT Sunday Sept 21 from 0100, after Spanish ID mentioning only 9955 kHz! If frequencies are to be cited, WRMI needs a bunch of new canned IDs for each of the extra RMI channels. Fair signal, het on hi side from 5952.4, Radio Pius the Twelfth from the Twentieth Century of Bolivia.

WOR 1739 also confirmed on KVOH, 9975, UT Sunday Sept 21 from 0130:46.5 after usual opening procedure starting with 0121 tone test, 0122 OC, 0125 music, 0130 announcements. Good if not full modulation level, some hum. Next:

UT Monday 0259v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5109v-CUSB
Tuesday 1100 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 0630 & 1430 on HLR 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1315 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 2100 on WBCQ 7490v

WORLD OF RADIO 1739 monitoring: confirmed Sept 23 at 1120 amid the 1100 Tuesday transmission on WRMI 9955, fair to good at peaks and atop at least two Cuban pulse jammers; tnx a lot, Arnie! No CCI from France in Chinese via Taiwan audible. I now have a positive response from RFI about clearing out from 9955 in B-14 if not sooner.

Meanwhile, the Thursday 2330 WOR airing on WRMI 11580 is replaced starting Sept 25 by a daily relay of R. Ukraine International in English! (It has continued to be a webcaster after abolishing its own shortwave). Also replaces a number of other DX and musical program placeholders (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 9955, TAIWAN, RFI Chinese service ahead, and 9955 underneath USA RMI carried R Prague English service relay (Wolfgang B, schel, downunder on net SDR unit at Sydney, Australia, 11-12 UT Sept 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 5050, Sept 21 at 0058, WWRB with sound of phone line ringing, as often happens around now: dialing up feed from Brother Scare? He's on at next check some 20 minutes later while other programming is on 3185 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7490 // 9330-CUSB, UT Sunday Sept 21 at 0059, Allan Weiner speaking, so an unsked replay of another `Worldwide` show? Maybe not; WBCQ online sked now shows the only entry for Saturday night/early UT Sunday:

Sa 7490 06:00PM 10:00PM ET 2200 0200 UTC Pirate Pizza Night described as ``Live from Monticello, WBCQ presents classic programs including pre-WBCQ broadcasts of Radio Newyork International and live commentary. Occasionally the Area 51 programming on 5110 will be simulcasted instead.`` But now, 5110v-CUSB is not //, with TimTron.

The 9330 schedule now shows *nothing* but 'Money Talk', M-F 22-23 UT, except for 'AWWW' UT Sat 00-01 UT. Also checked 15420 in case it's on way late again, but unheard. Sked for it now shows nothing but 'GSP' daily at 17-21 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15419.980, WBCQ The Planet, fluttery S=7 (Wolfgang B, schel, Stuttgart, Germany, log Sept 23, 2000-2050 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9475 & 5830, Sept 19 at 0127, WTWW-1 is on neither frequency, but 2 & 3 still on 5085, 12105. Recheck at 0526, now 5830 is on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15610, Sept 19 at 1403, WEWN is almost dead air, just some weak scratchy sounds corresponding to modulation peaks. Wiggle that patchcord! Weakest link syndrome (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7385, WHRI Cypress Creek SC with audio from a TV pledge drive begging for money to help fix a curtain array that was damaged at one of the LaSea [sic] Broadcasting sites (I tuned in mid stream so if they said which, I missed it) and asking people to 'call the number on your screen' to donate. I called "7385" but the call didn't go through, so I guess they got all the money they wanted! :)

They did mention a couple interesting facts in the programme:

- 1) over a billion SW radios are in use around the world, and
- 2) at any given moment, 100 million people are listening to SW.

Wait, I thought nobody listened to SW? Who are we to believe? WHRI full legal ID at 0259 and into USA Radio News. In well, but FM-y overmodulation making less than pleasant to listen to: 55554, 0250-0305 13/Sept (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** U S A. 11715, KJES, Vado NM with the Robo Kidsô chanting Bible verses while standing about a mile and a half from the microphone. This has got to be one of the creepiest broadcasters around! 34+4+43+ with HF het from 11710 [V Korea(presumed)] 1435-1440 14/Sept (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Port Hope MI2, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** U S A. 15550-USB, WJHR, *1404+ 17 Sept. Fair/clear with opening chat & email address: wjhr@usa.com (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Otherness: Travel logs: 880, KRVN Lexington NE; 7:30 AM MDT-2:30 PM CDT, 16-Sep; "Rural Radio KRVN"; Fox News; KRVN news with Bob Brogan & Dave Schroeder; KRVN ag news with Dewey Nelson; record corn

and soy bean harvests expected. Long-time morning man, Dave Therell, diagnosed last year with leukemia, is back on the air! Kinkader Brewing coming to Broken Bow! Fade zone along I-80, bottoms a few miles east of Council Bluffs IA. This has been a consistent observation for many years. I did not hear a single manure hauling, dead stock removal or bull semen ad ñ bumper (Harold B. Frodge, NE/IA, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** U S A. 890, Sept 18 at 1219 UT, with KTLR OKC nulled, ``News-talk 890, KDXU`` IDs, MDT chex, local ads, from St. George UT, making slow SAH with KTLR. KDXU 10 kW night pattern is cardioid with null toward Chicago and not much toward us either a bit further south. Day pattern is 10 kW ND, so maybe on it already; otherwise it's a rarity here. KDXU official September sunrise is not until 1315 UT (Oct: 1345 UT). Nothing in its FCC Correspondence Folder about a PSRA; just a Consummation Notice of Transfer of Control of this and a bunch of other stations headed by KCIN as of June 11, 2014 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 900, Sept 19 & Sept 20 around 1830 UT on caradio, still no signal from KSGI Wichita KS. It's only 250 watts in the first place, and wasting watts on the IBOC sidebands, but must be putting out very little if any for the past more than a week (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 900, FLORIDA, WSWN, Belle Glade. 0007 September 25, 2014. Tune-in to "Danny's Song" by Loggins & Messina, female canned "95-9 Seaview Radio" often in what is also apparently a canned music format, mention of 561 area code on one break. Oldies by Gladys Knight, Air Supply, Glen Campbell, Elton John etc. Finally at 0102, "This is the place where South Florida comes to... WSVU...960 AM... 95.9 and 106.9... a JVC Broadcasting station."

So what for many years was the "Sugar 900" Urban/gospel community station is now simulcasting 960 WSVU, North Palm Beach, which has translators W240CI (95.9) in North Palm Beach and W295BJ (106.9) in Jupiter. I've not heard WSWN in the evenings and have to wonder if they aren't powering down the daytime wattage. And checking the FCC dB, indeed WSWN is listed as JVC Media of South Florida LLC owned.

So all this happened in May.

<http://radioinsight.com/community/topic/jvc-media-buys-seaview-radio-wsvuwest-palm-beach-wbgfwswn-belle-gla>

(Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: XED 1050 Mexicali --- KTCT has had an STA since 1999 allowing it to run its day facilities at night to overcome XED's cheating. KTCT is licensed to run 50 kW day and 10 kW at night so it

gets an additional 7 dB.

[https://licensing.fcc.gov/cdbs/CDBS_Attachment/getattachment.jsp?](https://licensing.fcc.gov/cdbs/CDBS_Attachment/getattachment.jsp?appn=101646416&qnum=5330?num=1&exhcnun=1)

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Sent from my iPhone (Dennis Gibson, CA, Sept 20, ABDX via DXLD)

KTCT was the second strongest signal at night when I was in Princeville, Kauai while cliff DXing there. Sincerely, (Todd Skaine, Woodbury, MN, *ibid.*)

Thx Dennis, I was unaware that KTCT ran day power at night. Hopefully they have enough back lobe to find their way past KLOH on my west array now that the CBC French from Winnipeg is gone. I need to pay more attention to 1050 Spanish but it is always XEG Monterrey. Since I've had Mexicali here on 820 and 990, I'd expect to sooner or later get 10 kW on 1050 past XEG/KLOH. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, Barrington IL, *ibid.*)

XED is listed as daytime only. I only recently started to hear them again at night. KTCT doesn't always run day power at night. And I haven't been hearing XEBCS at night lately but haven't been listening to 1050 that much. It's a battle of the day power at night stations to see what's heard on a given night. Sometimes I hear KCAA at night but that's rare (Martin Foltz, Mission Viejo CA, *ibid.*)

** U S A. When going over my recording from this morning I noted someone way off frequency at about 1469.70 which turned out to be KBSN from Moses Lake [WA]. Still the same situation tonight, so I'm sure that will be noticeable (if not listenable) at quite a distance. 73, (Nigel Pimblett, Dunmore, Alberta, Sept 24, IRCA via DXLD)

Thanks, Nigel. Sure enough, there they are, causing quite a het on the frequency. I'm measuring them on 1469.704. Under cochannel on the exact channel. 0435 UT 25Sep2014. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, *ibid.*)

** U S A. Re: Subject: KGED report

To: mwdxer@webtv.net

Date: Friday, August 1, 2014, 4:02 AM

Hi Patrick, I managed to pick up KGED for the first time, so I thought I'd let you know as the QSL manager. I'm afraid I don't have much detail, and it may not qualify for a QSL. If so, that's OK. I'll keep checking and maybe get a better log. This was on the DX-398 with internal antenna only.

Hope you will keep posting to the NRC/IRCA lists, as not everyone cares to get involved in Facebook.

73, Glenn Hauser
P O Box 1684
Enid OK 73702 (to Patrick Martin, OR, via DXLD)

1680, July 29 at 0603 UT, very weak signal from WNW/ESE with SRN news, fast SAH with another weakie from another angle; 0605 UT ID sounds like KGEZ, hymn? and into talk show. Must be KGED Fresno CA. Since the demise of KRJO Monroe LA, have been seeking DX on this frequency more or less open here. NRC AM Log shows only KGED is with SRN, conservative talk format, 10/1 kW ND (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[later:]

Re: 1680, August 1 at 0543 UT, 'Clark Howard Show' fades up with caller, financial advice, again appropriate DF for KGED Fresno CA; 0558 UT ad for apocalyptic free book from an 800 number, fades for ID, 0600 UT SRN News; 0605 UT plug Dave Ramsey show at 11-2; 0606 UT resume Clark Howard. This matches the KGED sked at:

<http://www.my1680.com/index.php?c=2>

which now bills itself as ``More Conservative Talk Radio`` but mostly Christian during the daytime on weekends (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Sorry for the delay in responding. I was going to get back to you several weeks ago, but apparently it slipped my mind. Yes, you did receive KGED, 1680 kHz, Fresno California on August 1st, 2014 at 0543 UTC. Your report is correct. Good going. KGED operates from Fresno CA with 10 KW days and 1 KW nights, non directional. Thanks for the report. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, KGED QSL Manager, Sept 21, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Patrick, Tnx. Is there an e-QSL card, or a paper QSL if I report some other way such as by postal mail? (Glenn to Patrick, via DXLD)

Glenn, I never made a e-QSL card. I used to have letterhead, but ran out of it. If I ever get more letterhead, I could send you a regular QSL letter (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, KGED QSL Manager, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Clear Channel has announced as of Friday that they will be changing their corporate name, to better reflect their business interest.

They have announced they will become: iHeartMedia.

More of the same control of music, talk and media, driven by "consultants" and the Dollar. Unfortunately, the days of truly

original radio are waning --- with only a few of the "good" guys left. Just my 2 cents worth. Take care, (John Carson kd5srw, OK, Sept 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: -- Oh, how cool it is for all the apes to line up against the wall and throw feces at Clear Channel/iHeart Media! After all, CC is BIG, and that has to be bad!!! Granted, it may not be the most creative programming, but my God, it operates as an actual BUSINESS! Who knows, maybe if more of the radio "business" had done such over the past five decades, perhaps the medium wouldn't be in the shape it's in? I know, pure Heresy!

What prompted me to write was the comparison of CC with "satan" by some wag in 14-38. If you want "satan", I have one word for you: DISNEY! Pat Martin wisely pointed out that CC and other large corps have been fairly kind to hobbyists, certainly a very small and focused group of humans. Can anyone truly imagine Disney doing the same with its ESPN and Radio Disney facilities?

Although plenty of business decisions have been made by CC, I know of no one whose career was deliberately and maliciously destroyed by CC. I do know of people who have had that done by Disney, myself included after many good, productive years at ABC.

And just look at ABC, a cartoonish shadow of its former incarnation as the leader of U.S. commercial broadcasting. Did anyone notice that most of the veteran, "real" journalists at ABC Radio left the net within two or three years after the Disney coup d'etat?

A friend recently pointed out that CC never painted itself as a loving, family-friendly wonderland full of cute talking animals, beloved dwarves and fairies and magical princesses bringing incredible fairy-tale endings to otherwise egregious life portrayals. CC/iHeart Media was founded by businessmen exploring the possibilities and promises of classic capitalism.

Disney was founded by an insecure anti-semitic and racist, with the emotional maturity of a snail --- ever wonder why the Disney tales usually feature the death or complete absence of a mother-figure? Old Walt provided a house to his aging parents in the 1930s, financed by his great success with the famed rodent Mickey. But Walt was too cheap to have professionals service the furnace unit in the house--he sent his own questionably-competent studio engineers out for the task instead. Very soon, the house burned to the ground, killing Walt's mother in the process.

So Walt pays back by inflicting emotional distress on generations of children, who watched beloved mother figures perish en masse in the

precious Disney stories heaped upon us all. And yet Americans and many others worldwide line up like ants around the block to lay out their hard earned funds in their absolute worship of the great horned devil-god Disney. If Disney isn't "satan", I don't know what is--but I know it's not Clear Channel/iHeart Media. So there. 73z -- (GREG HARDISON, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I also posted this to the ABDX and IRCA lists and got these reactions:

How does a rant that attacks broadcast companies, bashes people and just generally bashes belong on a list about DX'ing? This is way off topic and not the first time he's shared/posted/done stuff like this. Rants of any kind, even if related to broadcast companies or DX'ing don't belong on a list like this (Paul Walker, IRCA via DXLD)

I agree. I think this post would have been better left in DXLD. This is (as stated within) a personal rant for personal reasons (Russ Edmunds, PA, ibid.)

Well, since CC has been bashed on this list, I thought it would be helpful to read another opinion, altho I myself am not taking sides on which is worse, CC/iHM or Disney. It's beyond me how such important matters relevant to broadcasting and hence DXing, could be off-topic. 73, (Glenn, ibid.)

Re: ``Glenn: Oh, how cool it is for all the apes to line up against the wall and throw feces at Clear Channel/iHeart Media!`` [Greg said it!]

Glenn, This is probably not the best topic for ABDX. I don't love either of them because they homogenized radio and made IDs harder to come by. Nuff said! (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, ABDX via DXLD)

Kevin has previously bashed CC over the latest name change; anyhow it provoked this interesting response, making us wonder just who his kids are by what stage names, playing what roles in what episodes of what shows? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A bit OT - but the truth needs to be told here. Disney the devil? You be the judge. As kind of an insider - I can contrast the networks producing family programming.

First - how they treat cast parents. Nickelodeon has comfortable facilities - we have wireless internet which is great for parents that can telecommute while their kids act. I would prefer a trailer with a restroom for cast parents - it kind of defeats the purpose if we have to enter the closed set to find a bathroom. If we don't see the flashing light, or don't care - a take is ruined. How much more would

Star Waggon's charge for a simple restroom? Outdoor sets are under the standard tent - it was literally 120 degrees but Nickelodeon's people made sure there were palettes of cold water and a guy came by to mist us with cool water every 20 minutes like clockwork. We had very good wireless internet out there as well, my only gripe is that there was only one electrical outlet and we had to take turns charging our laptops. We can visit the set to watch shooting, but have to observe strict silence.

At both networks, the catered food is excellent, but cast parents are served last and sometimes more appetizing selections are out by the time we get there.

Disney, in some cases I have heard of cast parents waiting in their cars, or being herded into a small room with barely enough seating. No wireless access, and we can't go visit the set unless it is one that already has an audience.

As far as how they treat the kids - one cast member ad-libbed Oh my God - and the director immediately yelled cut - and admonished him that using God or Jesus in correctly would offend people. Victoria Justice had a skirt flip jumping off a bunk - they immediately terminated the take and did another without the minor wardrobe malfunction. Erin Sanders was in a room filled with smoke, and it was getting hot and hard to breathe. They stopped filming for the day for her to recover. All females wore bike shorts under short skirts. Camera angles were selected to avoid down shirt and up skirt angles, the one time Jamie Spears laid down on the grass, the director made a note to send that take to the CG department for black out.

Contrast that to Disney - we gasped when Emily Osment crawled in through a window in one take, because you could see down her shirt. That scene went on the air - unmodified. Even at 14, Emily was well endowed and I found that scene inappropriate and embarrassing to watch. They did it again - her cheerleading outfit was very low cut and revealed a lot of cleavage. Now - both scenes are CG'd when you see the episode, Emily's chest is blacked out subtly on the window scene, and she now has a nice CG sweater under her cheerleading outfit. I wasn't on set at Cory in the House, but I understand episode one Maira Walsh bent over too far and revealed too much - that scene went on the air once. We are talking almost nipple views - NO WAY that should have aired on any network, especially Disney. It is now fixed with CG - but - really? That is the sort of thing that would never happen on Nickelodeon!

Disney - the devil? Come on! Except for a few problems with bad camera angles, both networks are producing good, clean family entertainment like I remember from the 60's. Nobody is sleeping around, nobody is

making jokes about humans breeding or bodily fluids. Nobody is on drugs, nobody is drunk, parental authority is respected. Disney show after Disney show has had a traditional family with a father and mother in a committed marriage: Lizzie McGuire, Even Stevens, That's So Raven, Cory in the House, Wizards of Waverley Place, Good Luck Charlie, Dog With a Blog, I Didn't Do It, Liv and Maddie, Girl Meets World - all of them traditional families. Nickelodeon is the one with an aversion to families, although some of their shows also have a father and a mother in a committed marriage - Unfabulous, Zoey 101 (although they send the kids to boarding school), Victorious, Drake and Josh (blended family).

Both networks have auxiliary networks aimed at older kids, with shows that are more edgy - Disney has ABC Family, Nick has Teenick. Shows on both of those networks, though, are tame in comparison to regular network fare like Two Broke Girls. If you want video garbage, just look at what CBS cranks out in sitcoms. Or Fox does in animation - anti-Christian bigotry is rampant. If anybody is the devil, it would be CBS or Fox networks.

Bringing this back to radio - Radio Disney is a variation of AM top 40, very similar to what I grew up with. The same artists are on Disney as on any FM top-40. Lyrics are screened, somewhat, sometimes changed - but regular radio also did that. Disney does feature some of their own artists, but they are usually quite good and in a lot of cases cross over to top 40. In spite of the opinion it is strictly a pre-teen network, when I attended events with my daughter I would say the average age of people there was in their early 20's. I certainly found a group of dedicated kids in Lubbock hundreds of miles from a station, learning how to DX. They were probably 16 or so. I find it very listenable, I don't mind the Disney propaganda because we visit Orlando and Anaheim frequently to go to the parks. The only real children's aspect is an hour or so around noon that not even pre-teens would listen to, it really is for little kids. Disney itself has recognized older kids are listening - first the contest cut-off was 12, then 14, then 16, then no cut-off at all. They probably launched Miley Cyrus and Taylor Swift's careers, they played them before anybody else did. The same with Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez, Demi Lovato and the Jonas Brothers. Launching that many artists in a ten year period is a good track record for any network, they don't need to prove anything to anybody at this point. They have inspired Nickelodeon to launch a radio network, although it is all online. The result? Ariana Grande who has now crossed over. Disney has had failures - China Anne McClain, Ross Lynch - both excellent but haven't crossed over.

I think such characterizations are sometimes unfair - Disney isn't the devil but they got some bad people managing different things, same

with Nick. All I heard about old Walt was that he killed himself smoking. The deal at his parent's house I understood to be carbon monoxide - which wasn't really recognized as a threat until later. That incident may have raised awareness of it. Walt believed in the purity and chastity of his young stars - in spite of his own smoking it really caused him a lot of emotional distress when he saw Haley Mills in "The Trouble with Angels". No doubt if he hadn't of died of smoking, Lindey Lohan or Miley's twerking would have done him in.

Give Disney and Nick live action shows a try - they are amazing. So many of the kids shows from the 60's were centered on kids - Leave It to Beaver, My Three Sons, Patty Duke - or had strong kid characters. These shows on Disney and Nick are the same quality, and would have been winning Emmys had they been aired in the 60's on the three networks. And give radio Disney and Nick radio a listen, they are really pretty good, and you may be hearing a future star as they are discovered! (R. Bruce Carter, TX, ABDX via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 9635.938, Voice of Vietnam 1st Vietnamese Son Tay relay

9839.848, VOV English, Son Tay (Wolfgang B,schel, downunder on net SDR unit at Sydney, Australia, 11-12 UT Sept 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

[and non]. 9635.93, Sept 18 at 1305, still getting same-pitch het as 24 hours ago, i.e. Bb5 {= 932 Hz, not Ab5 as in previous report!} on the keyboard, from off-frequency VOV beating against CRI on 9635.0. Wolfgang B,schel agrees a couple hours earlier today:

`9635.938 Very odd frequency Voice of Vietnam 1st Vietnamese program, from Son Tay site, S=9+5dB -70dBm, heard on 11-12 UT Sept 18 check of 31 mb, downunder on net SDR unit at Sydney-AUS`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. Voice of Vietnam-1 heard Sept 22 at 1244; all clearly //, with sites per Aoki; 5975 via Hanoi (fair-poor) // spurs 5967.0 & 5983.0; 7210 via Daclac (poor/QRM) // 7435.0 via Hanoi-Sontay (fair) // 9635.75 via Hanoi-Sontay (fair, best in USB).

Both the 7435 and 9635 transmitters must be at one location, as they occasionally switch the frequency of the off frequency transmitter; heard on 7435.57 & 9635.0 in June, whereas in May was on 9635.73 & 7435.0 (Ron Howard, Calif., E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FYI Ron, Here are the registrations of Vietnamese Radio on shortwave

> Both the 7435 and 9635 transmitters must be at one location

9635 0000 2400 49 VN1 100 145 0 141 Vie VTN VOV
 6175 0100 0128 8 WOF 250 282 -12 611 Eng G BAB
 6165 0130 0200 49 CK2 50 0 0 975 Vie VTN VOV
 6175 0130 0228 8 WOF 250 282 -12 611 Vie G BAB
 6175 0230 0300 8 WOF 250 282 -12 611 Eng G BAB
 6175 0300 0328 11NW HRI 250 173 -15 146 Spa USA BAB
 6175 0300 0330 11NW HRI 250 173 -15 146 Spa USA FCC
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 9840 1100 1230 44,45 VN1 100 57 0 156 JpnEng VTN VOV
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 9550 1500 1700 37-39 VN1 100 290 0 218 VieEngFra VTN VOV
 7280 1600 1800 27-30,37-39 VN1 100 320 0 218 EngRusVie VTN VOV
 9730 1600 1800 27-30,37-39 VN1 100 320 0 218 EngRusVie VTN VOV

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 9730 1800 2000 27-30,37-39 VN1 100 320 0 218 EngFraSpa VTN VOV
 5955 1830 1930 27 MOS 100 300 0 800 Vie AUT BAB
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 6135 2000 2030 29 WOF 300 75 0 216 Rus G BAB
 7280 2000 2130 27-30,37-39 VN1 100 320 0 218 RusEngFra VTN VOV
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 (from Oct 26, 2014) (via Wolfgang B.schel, DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. 12005, Sept 20 at 0231, VOV very good in English, and no hum. Scheduled as Woofferton UK site, but when there is some hum of the generator ilk, we suspect Ascension is substituting (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [and non]. 9795, PHILIPPINES, FEBC Vietnamese, and accompanied jamming siren by VTN too.

9920, PHL, FEBC Vietnamese vernac mountain people languages, plus strong VTN siren jamming accompanied (Wolfgang B.schel, downunder on net SDR unit at Sydney, Australia, 11-12 UT Sept 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Sept 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1520, Sept 20 at 0239 UT, KOKC OKC mixing with a fast SAH, but can't make out any modulation from it. Also noted this a couple nights ago. Several stations along the Mississippi possible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) and often heard since

UNIDENTIFIED. AUDIOCLIP NUMBERS IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE 5550 KHz. 8/9, 1752, 5550, Numbers in Russian language, male voice, good signal. Any idea about this station? AUDIOCLIP NUMBERS IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE 5550 KHz su radioascolto. Alcuni giorni fa, in prima serata ho ascoltato questa stazione operante sui 5550 kHz, 1725 UT, con voce maschile che ripeteva sequenze di numeri. 73' s de (Francesco Ceccone, Sept 21, playdx yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION. 7295, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty, at 0357-0405* UT on Sept 19, tuned in to hear several men talking in

unidentified language although could have been Russian. At 0400 UT I heard a recorded station ID ("This is Radio Free Europe ... Radio Liberty ...") by a man announcer repeated over and over. Poor to fair until RTA Algerienne via Issoudun opened on 7295 kHz at 0400 UT. Can't find a location in station listings nor on website. That's it from Wyomissing! 73, (Rich D'Angelo, 2216 Burkey Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610, U.S.A. Equipment: Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, Dxplorer via Wolfgang B_schel, DXLD)

Rich, RL Biblis is usually 5 kHz down on 7290 kHz? maybe keyboard glitch at Lampertheim site? Caucasian native language mix at 03-04 UT

GERMANY 0300-0400 7290 LAM 100 kW 092 deg Caucasus
Avari/Chechen/Chercassian Radio Liberty -
{in high A-14 summer LAM 11850 kHz instead, wb.}

0300-0400 9740 BIB 100 kW 085 deg Caucasus Avari/Chechen/Chercassian
Radio Liberty
RL Russian is 6105 LAM and 7435 BIB at same time 03-04 UT.
1500-1600 11900 LAM 100 kW 075 deg Caucasus Avari/Chechen/Chercassian
Radio Liberty
1500-1600 15620 NAU 250 kW 090 deg Caucasus Avari/Chechen/Chercassian
Radio Liberty
RL Russian is 11780 BIB and 13745 LAM at same time 15-16 UT.
73 wolfy df5sx (Wolfgang B_schel, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 14-38: ``EUROPE. NVO IDENTIFICADAS: 14477.7 BLS,
emissora latino-americana semelhante ‡ do Pescador Pregador, 2205-...,
12/9, propag. relig.; 35343. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL,
dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1739, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Glenn, In the latest DXLD you inserted this UNID Latin American
station under Europe. From the accent, I would bet on Central America
(Carlos GonÁalves, Sept 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Carlos, ?? But you also said you were in contact with the operator of
14477+ and he was quite near you, i.e. Portugal? (Glenn to Carlos,
ibid.)

Glenn, Yes, I did, while referring to a certain Portuguese pirate
station, R. Eldorado, on 14477-USB, which was mentioned in a private
message to you. This Central (most probably)/South American UNID on
14477.7 also using USB is another station. I believe you made a
confusion around both. 73, (Carlos, ibid.)

Well, yes, what a coincidence two pirates should be on almost the same
frequency so far out of band (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15505, Sept 19 at 1400, weak Spanish 2-way SSB intruders riding on the very weak Bangladesh carrier which of course I was checking for a mistimesignal; despite tuning in too late, I was hearing some beeps close to 1400:00, so possibly coming from the intruders instead (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello DXers, I picked up a non stop guitar music on 17660 with no ID since 0720 UT. Any ideas what is that station? Some kind of a test? Thanks. 73 (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, Sept 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's still there at 0845, instrumental music only, strong, good modulation, no further hint, the musical nonchoice seems to indicate they don't want to keep listeners on the channel ;-) 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, ibid.)

YES HEARD ALSO HERE IN GERMANY; POWERHOUSE S=9+40dB or -36dBm VERY STRONG SIGNAL, 0845 UT 73 wb df5sx (WOLFGANG B<SCHEL, ibid.)

17660 Huge signal here in Ireland as well. With instrumental music 0855Z (Brock Whaley, Ireland for DXLD)

Heard here in Indonesia too and ended at 0920. 73 (Tony Ashar, Sept 19, ibid.)

As reported in <http://topnews.wwdxc.de> - at 0720 UT today I also heard a very powerful signal on 17660 with non stop guitar and piano music. This has been received as far afield as Egypt, Germany, Indonesia & Ireland. Anyone got any ideas? Off abruptly at 0731, SIO 555. 73's (John Hoad, Faversham Kent UK, JRC NRD-525 / Wellbrook ALA 1530, Sent from my iPad, Sept 21, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Is it a Babcock test ex Woofferton? (Jonathan Kempster, M5AE0, ibid.)

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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1740:

Thanks to Gerald T Pollard, NC for a generous quarterly check celebrating equinox, to P O Box 1684, Enid OK, 73702

For your wonderful work from Dan Goldfarb (with a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

Good listening & thanks for putting out the most reliable/informative

DX bulletin around (Dan Sheedy, Encinitas CA)

#### LANGUAGE LESSONS

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#### EL PENDON ESTRELLADO

<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-29215415>

(via Terry Krueger, DXLD)

Little-known Spanish version of Star Spangled Banner

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: See also NEW ZEALAND; SPAIN; TAIWAN; UK

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#### A TIMELY PLAN FOR CHANNELS 5 & 6

from The Broadcast Maximization Committee

<http://www.thebdr.net/articles/fcc/rules/FCC-BMC.pdf>

Sent from my iPhone (via Dennis Gibson, Sept 19, ABDX via DXLD)

#### RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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Kaito KA228

I just got a wonderful new toy for \$9.99 on Amazon. The little analog Kaito KA228 is much better than I expected, even after the mostly positive reviews. The mono FM is clear with outstanding sensitivity and selectivity (but don't expect the signals to have any relationship to the numbers on the tuning scale.) The AM was also good - Cleveland and Toronto came in loud and clear with no effort on my part, and there were loads of other non-local signals that I was too tired to explore. The SW was fine - predictably limited bands, but what is there, is sensitive and highly listenable. With headphones, the sound was full, clear and even classical music sounded well-balanced. You can't beat this for \$9.99!! (Emily Keene, Middletown, NJ, Sent from my Virgin Mobile phone, Sept 22, ABDX via DXLD)

Emily, is the running very smooth and "suave" when you, for example, tune across the MW band? Do you notice the stations fading in and out while using the dial knob?

I'm asking that because some recent receivers use analog knob and dial, but internally is digital: everything is made in steps. In this cases, the receiver is using a modern SDR chip (SiLabs) and tuning in sometimes difficult! pu3hag (Huelbe Garcia, Brasil, ibid.)

Funny enough, I suspected that there might be something digital going

on! The tuning is not difficult, though - the AM and shortwave tuning feels (and sounds) more or less the way I would expect an analog radio to tune, but the FM feels digital - very precise and no bleeding between stations. Whatever is going on, I am very pleased with the performance of this little set (Emily, Middletown, NJ, Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android, ibid.)

#### RADIO SHACK MAYBE BANKRUPTCY OR EVEN LIQUIDATION

The struggling electronics retailer that is quickly running out of cash, said on Thursday that it might have to file for bankruptcy protection, or even liquidate, if it cannot arrange a lifeline.

In a stark disclosure of its deteriorating financial situation, RadioShack [said] that, absent an external solution, it would be unable to finance its operations beyond the very near term, raising doubts about its future in business.

RadioShack said it was in talks with third parties and its financial stakeholders about a number of possible options, including a sale, a significant new investment or a restructuring. The company said that some form of recapitalization may be our most likely course of action, but that it could not guarantee such a deal.

Should the company fail to find a solution, RadioShack may be forced to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, it said. In a still more drastic step, RadioShack added, it could be forced to liquidate.

Once an important player in the technology world, RadioShack as the digital revolution passed it by [sic], and it has reported an unbroken string of quarterly losses since the beginning of 2012. The company has undertaken a restructuring effort for the last 18 months, though its ability to close stores has been limited by its agreement with its lenders.

RadioShack's stock price, as low as 55 cents in August, rose 9.6 percent on Thursday, to \$1.02 a share.

The disclosure on Thursday came as RadioShack for its second quarter, which ended Aug. 2. The company said its net revenue fell 22 percent, to \$673.8 million, from the period a year earlier, while its losses widened to \$137.4 million from \$52.2 million.

The company said it had \$30.5 million in cash as of Aug. 2, compared with \$179.8 million at the end of 2013. The available borrowing in its credit facility stood at \$152 million as of Aug. 2, while the company's debt totaled \$656.9 million.

For decades, RadioShack's stores supplied mainstream consumers and gadget geeks alike with all manner of electronics, as well as the spare parts to fix or customize them. But major shifts in technology and retailing — including fierce competition in the wireless business and the move toward online shopping — have eroded its sales.

The company's response under Joseph C. Magnacca, who became the chief executive last year, has involved revamping some store locations while trying to close others. But after announcing this year that it would close up to 1,100 locations, RadioShack soon said its lenders would not let the plan go forward. A bankruptcy or other restructuring could allow the company to renegotiate such contracts.

"We are working to address our challenges head-on," Mr. Magnacca said in a statement on Thursday.

In response to the grim disclosure, analysts and bankruptcy experts considered what might lie in store for RadioShack.

Lawrence Perkins, the chief executive of a Los Angeles-based turnaround advisory firm called SierraConstellation Partners, said that even if the company were to shrink sharply, its brand would likely live on in some form, perhaps under a new owner.

"You could poll any American and they've probably heard of RadioShack," Mr. Perkins said. "That's worth something to someone" (Via the BDR newsletter via Wes Boyd via Wayne Heinen, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Radio Shack disappeared here in Canada some time ago, becoming "The Source". The parts section is a small corner at the back a far cry from what Radio Shack carried. It would be a shame to see them go but these days companies disappearing seems to be a trend as people change their wants and wishes. 73 Best of DX (Shawn Axelrod VE4DX1SMA, VEPC4SWL, Winnipeg MB, REMEMBER ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN HEAR FOREVER, ibid.)

Their big mistake was in trying to be all things digital. I still go to mine to buy resistors and caps; in fact I was just there last week (Bob Young, Millbury, MA, ibid.)

PROPAGATION See also UKRAINE  
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# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 15 - 21 September 2014

Solar activity ranged from low to moderate levels during the period. Low levels were reached on 15-17 September and again on 19-21 September with moderate activity observed on 18 September. A majority of the early C-class activity was observed from Regions 2158 (N16, L=087, class/area Dkc/440 on 11 Sep) and 2164 (S14, L=049, class/area Dai/090 on 14 Sep). The largest of these C-class events was a C7 X-ray event observed at 17/1948 UTC from Region 2158.

By 18 September, activity increased to moderate levels. At 18/0709 UTC, Region 2169 (N05, L=290, class/area Cso/060 on 17 Sep) produced a C6/Sf which was immediately followed by an impulsive M1/Sn (R1-Minor) at 18/0841 UTC from the same region. Associated with this event were lower frequency radio emissions in the form of a Type II sweep and 245 MHz burst (16,000 sfu). An associated CME was not discernable in LASCO or STEREO imagery with the M1 event.

19-21 September saw a return to low levels with C-class activity observed from Regions 2164, 2166 (N13, L=352, class/area Dao/060 on 14 Sep), 2171 (S10, L=264, class/area Eai/160 on 21 Sep) and 2172 (S11, L=242, class/area Ekc/320 on 21 Sep). The largest event during this 3-day period was a long-duration C5/1f flare at 21/1153 UTC from Region 2166. This region had decayed to plage on 20 September. Associated with this event was a CME off the NW limb, detected by LASCO C2 imagery, first visible at 21/1236 UTC. Potential geo-effectiveness of this CME was ongoing at the time of this writing.

Other activity of note during the period was a N-S oriented, 38 degree long filament eruption along a channel centered near N25E12. The filament was observed lifting off in SDO/AIA 304 imagery from 20/2348-21/0427 UTC. No discernable CME was apparent in LASCO or STEREO imagery with the filament eruption.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was normal levels.

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to minor storm levels. Mostly quiet levels were observed from 15 September through late on 18 September. By 18/1800 UTC, field activity increased to unsettled levels for six hours and further increased to active to minor storming through 21/0900 UTC. The field relaxed to unsettled to active levels through 21/2100 UTC when it became predominately quiet through the balance of the summary period. This period of increased activity was

attributed to a combination of transient and negative coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) effects.

During the summary period, solar wind parameters, as observed at the ACE spacecraft, reflected the geomagnetic activity described above. ACE wind speeds began the period in the 450 km/s range and gradually decreased to near 350 km/s through early on 19 September. Wind speeds then increased to about 500 km/s by late on the 19th and further increased to 550 km/s by midday on 20 September and remained elevated through midday on the 21st. Speeds then declined to end the summary period near 425 km/s.

The interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) Bt and Bz component followed a similar trend. Bt varied weakly from 3-7 nT through about 19/0600 UTC when an increase to 10-18 nT was observed for the next 9 hours or so. Bt gradually relaxed to vary between 4-8 nT through the remainder of the period. The Bz component generally did not vary much beyond -5 to +8 nT through the summary period. The exception was a period between 19/0400-1700 UTC when Bz varied between -13 nT to +17 nT.

Phi angle measurements indicated a predominately negative (towards) orientation with positive (away) swings from about 18/1800 UTC - 19/1700 UTC and again from 21/0300 UTC - 21/1700 UTC.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 22 SEPT - 18 OCT 2014

Solar activity is expected to be at predominately low levels with a chance for M-class activity and a slight chance for X-class activity through the outlook period. Regions currently on the disk with the potential for major activity include Regions 2171 and 2172. Old Regions 2155 (S19, L=110), 2157 (S15, L=099) and 2158 (N16, L=089), producers of M and X-class activity on their previous transit, are all due to return on or about 28-29 September.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit in the absence of major solar activity.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be normal to moderate levels through 25 September. Moderate to high levels are expected from 26 September to 03 October followed by a return to mostly normal levels through 18 October.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at predominately quiet levels through the outlook period. Quiet to unsettled levels are expected on 23-24 September due to a solar sector boundary crossing followed by a co-rotating interaction region. Activity levels are expected to increase to unsettled to active from 25-30 September due to a series of positive polarity, equatorial CH HSSs. Unsettled to

active levels are expected on 15-17 October due to a negative polarity CH HSS.

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

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| # | UTC         | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|---|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| # | Date        | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
|   | 2014 Sep 22 | 125        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Sep 23 | 125        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2014 Sep 24 | 130        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2014 Sep 25 | 130        | 12        | 4        |
|   | 2014 Sep 26 | 130        | 15        | 4        |
|   | 2014 Sep 27 | 135        | 15        | 4        |
|   | 2014 Sep 28 | 140        | 10        | 3        |
|   | 2014 Sep 29 | 145        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2014 Sep 30 | 150        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2014 Oct 01 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 02 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 03 | 155        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 04 | 155        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 05 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 06 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 07 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 08 | 145        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 09 | 145        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 10 | 140        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 11 | 140        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 12 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 13 | 130        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 14 | 125        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2014 Oct 15 | 125        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2014 Oct 16 | 120        | 15        | 4        |
|   | 2014 Oct 17 | 120        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2014 Oct 18 | 120        | 5         | 2        |

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